

Weight Of The World

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Secretary of State John Kerry made his first official visit to the United Nations on Thursday to discuss three of the world's most intractable crises: turmoil in Africa's Great Lakes region, the Syrian War and what he called "the granddaddy of them all," the Israel-Palestinian conflict.



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, center, at the United Nations in New York, July 25, 2013.

(M. Appleton/New York Times)

Appearing briefly at a welcoming ceremony with Secretary General Ban Ki-moon that was streamed on the United Nations website, Kerry thanked Ban for his organization's work, particularly in dealing with the Syrian refugee crisis, which has sent hundreds of thousands of people into neighboring Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq. Kerry, who toured the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan last week, spoke of the "enormous levels of suffering" among Syria's civilian population and said there was "no military solution" to that conflict, now in its third year.

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Obama vows to bypass Congress on infrastructure



President Barack Obama gestures as he speaks at the Jacksonville Port in Jacksonville, Fla., Thursday, July 25, 2013. A day after he kicked off the tour in Illinois and Missouri, Obama was traveling Thursday to a seaport in Jacksonville, Fla., to yet again deride the wide gulf between his vision for a new American prosperity driven by a burgeoning middle class and the intense gridlock snarling up Congress.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - President Barack Obama vowed on Thursday to use his executive powers to bypass bottlenecks in Congress and accelerate infrastructure projects to bolster growth and add jobs. Speaking inside a cruise ship terminal at Jaxport, a major passenger and cargo port

on the East Coast, Obama hailed two major projects that would accommodate increasing global trade and speed the delivery of goods that arrive here on huge ships and depart by train for destinations across the United States. "In a couple of years, new supertankers are going to start coming through the Panama Canal," Obama

told an enthusiastic crowd that applauded loudly when he suggested new investments that would allow larger ships to dock here. "We want those supertankers coming here, to Jacksonville." Obama's appearance at the port, which included a tour of a \$200 million TraPac Container Terminal, is part of a broader effort by the

White House to focus Americans' attention on the administration's efforts to inject energy into the economy. It was also a warning that the president is trying to find a way around congressional Republicans resistant to approving more federal stimulus money for public works.

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Halliburton pleads guilty to wrongdoing in Gulf spill

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HOUSTON - Halliburton has agreed to plead guilty to the destruction of critical evidence after the Gulf of Mexico oil spill in 2010, the Justice Department announced Thursday. Halliburton, an oil services company, will pay the maximum allowable fine and be subject to three years of probation, the Justice

Department said. It will also continue its cooperation in the government's ongoing criminal investigation. Separately, Halliburton made a voluntary contribution of \$55 million to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The federal government filed one criminal charge against the company, which has suffered significant damage to its reputa-

tion since the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon rig that killed 11 workers and soiled hundreds of miles of beaches. Halliburton is the third company - along with BP, the operator of the drilling site, and Transocean, which ran the rig - to plead guilty to a criminal charge related to the spill. Halliburton was responsible for mixing cement used for the well.

The development was not entirely unexpected following the first phase of the civil trial in New Orleans. Lawyers representing businesses and others that suffered from the spill had long accused the company of conducting undocumented cement tests and then hiding the results. BP had also accused Halliburton of destroying evidence of cement testing. □

Pope urges Catholics to shake up dioceses

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) —

Pope Francis showed his rebel side Thursday, urging young Catholics to shake up the church and make a "mess" in their dioceses by going out into the streets to spread the faith. It's a message he put into practice by visiting one of Rio's most violent slums and opening the church's World Youth Day on a rain-soaked Copacabana Beach.

Francis was elected pope on a mandate to reform the church, and in four short months he has started

tirely at home, wading into cheering crowds, kissing people young and old and telling them the Catholic Church is on their side.

"No one can remain insensitive to the inequalities that persist in the world!" Francis told a crowd of thousands who braved a cold rain and stood in a muddy soccer field to welcome him. "No amount of peace-building will be able to last, nor will harmony and happiness be attained in a society that ignores, pushes to the margins or excludes a part of itself."

It was a message aimed at reversing the decline in the numbers of Catholics

Argentine pilgrims, scheduled at the last minute in yet another sign of how this spontaneous pope is shaking up the Vatican's staid and often stuffy protocol.

He told the thousands of youngsters, with an estimated 30,000 Argentines registered, to get out into the streets and spread their faith and make a "mess," saying a church that doesn't go out and preach simply becomes a civic or humanitarian group.

"I want to tell you something. What is it that I expect as a consequence of World Youth Day? I want a mess. We knew that in Rio there would be great dis-



Pope Francis holds up an Olympic T-shirt with his name on it given to him in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Thursday, July 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Luca Zennaro)

doing just that: He has broken long-held Vatican rules on everything from where he lays his head at night to how saints are made. He has cast off his security detail to get close to his flock, and his first international foray as pope has shown the faithful appreciate the gesture.

Dubbed the "slum pope" for his work with the poor, Francis received a rapturous welcome in the Varginha shantytown, part of a slum area of northern Rio so violent it's known as the Gaza Strip. The 76-year-old Argentine seemed en-

in most of Latin America, with many poor worshippers leaving the church for Pentecostal and evangelical congregations. Those churches have taken up a huge presence in favelas, or shantytowns such as Varginha, attracting souls with nuts-and-bolts advice on how to improve their lives.

The Varginha visit was one of the highlights of Francis' weeklong trip to Brazil, his first as pope and one seemingly tailor-made for the first pontiff from the Americas. The surprise, though, came during his encounter with

order, but I want trouble in the dioceses!" he said, speaking off the cuff in his native Spanish. "I want to see the church get closer to the people.

Apparently realizing the radicalness of his message, he apologized in advance to the bishops at home.

He then compared the purity of the Catholic faith with the blended fruit drinks popular in Brazil: "Please, don't blend faith in Jesus. There are apple smoothies, orange smoothies, banana smoothies, but, please, don't drink a 'licuado de fe!' Faith is complete!" □



A derailed train car is lifted by a crane at the site of a train accident in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, Thursday, July 25, 2013.
(AP Photo/Lalo Villar)

Investigation of Spanish train derailment focuses on speed

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SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, Spain (AP) —

By all accounts, the train was going way too fast as it curled around a gentle bend. Then in an instant, one car tumbled off the track, followed by the rest of the locomotive, which seemed to come apart like a zipper being pulled.

The derailment sent pieces of the sleek train plowing across the ground in a ghastly jumble of smashed metal, dirt and smoke.

But a day after Spain suffered its deadliest rail disaster in decades — which killed 80 people and maimed scores of others — one question surpassed all others: Why was the train moving so fast?

Investigators opened a probe Thursday into possible failings by the 52-year-old driver and the train's in-built speed-regulation systems. Experts said one, or both, must be at fault for the disastrous Wednesday night crash of the train that was carrying 218 passengers and five crew members to Santiago de Compostela, a destination of Catholic pilgrimage preparing to celebrate its most revered saint.

Instead, this stunned city of nearly 100,000 converted its sports arena into a shelter for the dead and the grieving.

"All Spaniards feel the pain of the families," said Spain's head of state, King Juan Carlos, as he and Queen Sofia met hospitalized survivors of the crash 2.5 miles

(4 kilometers) south of Santiago de Compostela. The royal couple dressed in funereal black.

"For a native of Santiago like me, this is the saddest day," said Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, who toured the crash scene and declared a national three-day mourning period.

The regional government of Galicia, in northwest Spain, said 94 people remained hospitalized, 31 of them in critical condition, including four children. The U.S. State Department said one American died and at least five others were hurt but cautioned that those figures could be revised upward.

Many victims suffered severe burns as the train's diesel fuel ignited a fire that caught some passengers trapped in mangled upside-down carriages. Emergency officials took DNA samples from the most heavily burned or the unconscious in an effort to identify both the living and the dead.

Rafael Catala, a senior transport official in Spain's Development Ministry, told radio network Cadena SER that the train appeared to be going much faster than the track's speed limit of 80 kph (50 mph) as it approached the city.

Breathtaking footage of the crash captured by a railway security camera showed the moment when the eight-carriage train approached a left bend beneath a road bridge at a seemingly impossible speed. □

Feds charge five in huge hacking data breach case

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Federal prosecutors on Thursday brought what they called the largest hacking and data breach case in the country, charging five people with running an organization that hacked the computer networks of more than a dozen corporations, stealing and selling at least 160 million credit and debit card numbers.

The scheme was run by four Russian nationals and a Ukrainian, said the prosecutors, who announced the indictments in Newark, N.J. Paul Fishman, the U.S. attorney for the District of New Jersey, said losses ran into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

"The losses in this case are staggering," Fishman said at a news conference in Newark.

"This type of crime is really the cutting edge of financial fraud."

The victims in the scheme, which prosecutors said ran from 2005 until last year, included Visa; JCPenney; 7-Eleven; JetBlue; Heartland Payment Systems, one of the world's largest credit and debit processing companies; and the French retailer Carrefour.

A separate case involving one of the defendants and the Nasdaq stock exchange was filed by the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York.

"The defendants and their co-conspirators penetrated the secure computer networks of several of the largest payment processing companies, retailers, and financial institutions in the world, and stole the personal identifying information of others such as user names and passwords," prosecutors said.

The defendants were identified as Vladimir Drinkman, Alexander Kalinin, Roman Kotov and Dmitriy Smiljanets of Russia and Mikhail Rytikov of Ukraine.

Drinkman is in custody in the Netherlands and Smiljanets is in custody in the United States. □

Obama vows to bypass Congress on infrastructure

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"Where I can act on my own, I'm going to act on my own," Obama said. "I won't wait for Congress." Last July, Obama signed an executive order that helped expedite federal review and permitting on seven infrastructure projects, including two at Jaxport.

The order accelerated the timing of a study to exam-

ine how to dredge the port in Jacksonville so that water depth increases to 47 feet from 40 feet, allowing in bigger ships. It also sped up a rail-yard project at the port to hasten the exchange of shipping containers from ships to trains. "By streamlining the process, by taking some time off of it, it moves us closer to all the other stuff that we have to do to get it done," said Nancy Rubin, a spokeswoman for the port.

The president's remarks here amounted to virtually the same message he delivered March 29, when he traveled to the Port of Miami to talk about the need to invest in infrastructure. They also echo a theme he has sounded many times before. White House officials cast the repetition as steadiness, rather than a dearth of new ideas.

"There seems to be some effort to make hay out of the fact that the presi-

dent is consistent when he speaks out about what we need to do in our economy," Jay Carney, the White House press secretary, told reporters on Air Force One this week.

At the least, White House officials hope that the president's arguments will rope in some Republicans who represent districts with ports in need of improvement. Rep. Ander Crenshaw, R-Fla., who represents part of Jacksonville, has been aggressive in pushing to expand and deepen the port, and administration officials said they wanted other Republicans to join him.

But Republicans in Washington scoffed at that idea. Brendan Buck, a spokesman for Speaker John A. Boehner, accused the president of holding up projects like the Keystone XL pipeline.

"Before the president asks taxpayers to pick up the tab for another round of 'stimulus' spending, he might consider getting out of the way of the private-sector infrastructure projects he continues to block," Buck said in an email. □



President Barack Obama greets people at his table as he hosts an Iftar dinner celebrating Ramadan in the State Dining Room of the White House, Thursday, July 25, 2013, in Washington.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Kerry visits United Nations to discuss world crises

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He reiterated his joint commitment with Russia's foreign minister, Sergey V. Lavrov, to convene a Syria peace conference in Geneva.

Leading a delegation that included a former Senate colleague, Russ Feingold, whom he appointed as his special envoy to the Great Lakes region last month, Kerry's main order of business at the United Nations on Thursday was to lead a special Security Council meeting on the protracted conflicts in the area, which he said had been "beleaguered by targeted, egregious violence."

The Great Lakes region includes Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and the mineral-rich eastern section of the Democratic Republic of

Congo, an area of recurrent fighting, atrocities and absence of government authority.

A Rwanda-backed rebel group known as M23 has been fighting Congo-

lese government forces in eastern Congo, and rights groups have accused M23 of executions, rapes and forcible recruitment of child soldiers. On Tuesday, the United States publicly

called on Rwanda to end support for M23.

Kerry's main preoccupation in recent weeks has been to broker a resumption of peace talks between the Israelis and Palestinians, which could start next week in Washington. In his remarks with Ban on Thursday, Kerry did not specify a date for those talks. But he called the Middle East challenge "the granddaddy of them all, I guess, the question of the possibility of peace between Palestinians and Israelis."

Later in the day after heading the Security Council meeting on the Great Lakes, Kerry planned to meet with a visiting delegation of the Syrian opposition coalition at the United States Mission to the United Nations. □



Secretary of State John Kerry meets with leaders of the Syrian National Coalition to promote an international conference and a political solution to the civil war, at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, in New York, Thursday, July 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Weiner admits to more lewd exchanges; denies addiction

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NEW YORK - Anthony D. Weiner's mayoral campaign entered a dark and chaotic phase Thursday as he admitted to having explicit online relationships with at least three women since he left Congress, and the woman at the center of the latest scandal appeared on television, remembering him as a "perpetually horny middle-aged man."

Weiner, appearing shaken and at times rambling as he faced reporters, revised his previous estimate of the total number of women with whom he had engaged in sexual encounters online to 10, up from six.

But in a sign of how difficult the furor over his behavior may be to contain, he made clear he could not say for certain how many women or lewd images might yet surface.

"There are more than - there are a few," Weiner, a Democrat, said. "I don't have a specific number for you." Later, he tried to

explain the sequence of his Internet relationships: "Sometimes they didn't go consistently. Whatever."

Weiner's once-resurgent political standing in New York City seemed to erode by the moment, as more graphic portraits of his penis appeared online and his conduct and lack of candor were denounced from the campaign trail to the halls of Congress.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. and the House minority leader, described Weiner's behavior as "reprehensible; it's so disrespectful of women."

Even Weiner's rank-and-file donors said they were disillusioned by the disclosures that had recast the candidate who they viewed as a liberal hero into a habitually misbehaving and misleading figure.

"This kind of behavior is very bad," said Kishore Belani, the owner of a video company in Queens who recently contributed to Weiner's campaign. "I don't think that he deserves another chance."

"I have children," Belani

added. "For children, this is not a good politician to learn from."

from office in 2011, vowing to learn from his mistakes, reconcile with his wife and

since his resignation had reflected on his past errors and abandoned his habit



New York City mayoral candidate and former congressman Anthony Weiner leaves the Latin Women in Action and Voces Latinas Mayoral Forum in New York, July 25, 2013. Weiner acknowledged on Thursday that he had engaged in inappropriate online communications with up to three women since leaving Congress two years ago, as his campaign entered a troubled and circus-like phase.
(Michael Nagle/The New York Times)

The accounting of online flirtations offered by Weiner, 48, on Thursday, while at times awkward, was the most detailed he has provided since he resigned

seek therapy. When he re-emerged this spring, asking for a second chance to serve the public, he portrayed himself as a rehabilitated figure who

of sending lewd messages and photos to strangers he met online.

But those claims were belied by a series of embarrassing admissions this week. On Tuesday, he said he had initiated explicit exchanges with a young woman from Indiana a year after he had resigned, using the alias "Carlos Danger"; and on Thursday, he acknowledged doing the same with two more women during the same period. The latest revelations jolted a candidacy that had improbably climbed to the top of polls, and they invited searing attacks from rivals and the city's political establishment.

Adding to the melodrama, the Indiana woman with whom Weiner connected for his most recent online escapade emerged publicly, appearing on "Inside Edition," the tabloid television show, to describe their relationship, which lasted months and continued even as he made plans to run for mayor.

Leathers, 23, a Democratic activist who once revered Weiner for his strident voice on liberal causes, accused him of lying to his wife and to the public about ending his online dalliance. □

House leader calls out lawmaker on immigration

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The leader of the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday elevated his criticism of a fellow Republican over his suggestion that many unauthorized immigrants are drug runners, calling the comments "deeply offensive and wrong."

Speaker John Boehner already had issued a written statement earlier in the week condemning Rep. Steve King's remarks, but at his weekly news conference he ramped up his criticism even without being asked. The Republican took the unusual step of calling King out by name, dramatizing the concern among Republican leaders that incendiary comments from the right can tarnish the party's image even as lawmakers struggle to find a solution to the immigration debate.

Some Republicans, who have generally taken a

tough stand in illegal immigration, are showing signs of changing their po-

no place in this debate for hateful or ignorant comments from elected offi-

spectful way."

Boehner also said that King's comments made grappling with immigration legislation more difficult, "but I'm going to continue to work with members who want to get to a solution, as opposed to those who want to do nothing."

King told a conservative news website last week that with respect to immigrants brought illegally to the U.S. as kids, "for every one who's a valedictorian, there's another 100 out there that weigh 130 pounds (59 kilograms) and they've got calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds (34 kilograms) of marijuana across the desert."

The comments began to circulate widely on Tuesday, drawing condemnation from Boehner, House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, other Republicans and numerous Democrats including White House press secretary Jay Carney. □



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio meets with reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, July 25, 2013. Boehner elevated his criticism of fellow Republican Rep. Steve King over King's suggestion that many unauthorized immigrants are drug runners, calling the comments "deeply offensive and wrong."
(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

sition after badly losing the Hispanic vote in the 2012 elections. Hispanics are becoming an increasingly important bloc and could play a major role in future elections.

"I want to be clear. There's

cials," Boehner said. "What he said does not reflect the values of the American people or the Republican Party," the speaker said, "and we all need to do our work in a constructive, open and re-

US charges hedge fund SAC with insider trading

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NEW YORK (AP) — One of Wall Street's biggest and most successful hedge

ing him only as the "SAC owner" who "enabled and promoted" insider trading practices. At a news conference, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said SAC "traf-

tion from at least 20 public companies, Bharara said, announcing charges of wire fraud and four counts of securities fraud spanning 1999 to 2010. A court

tal welcomed the prosecutor's assurances and said it had been advised by prosecutors that "their action is not intended to affect the ongoing operations of SAC's business, prevent investor redemptions or impact the interests of any of SAC's counterparties."

The company said it expected to agree with the government on a protective order that would "permit SAC to continue its operations in the ordinary course." Still, the government in one lawsuit sought SAC's forfeiture of "any and all" assets.

The charges came less than a week after federal regulators accused Cohen in a related civil case of failing to prevent insider trading at the firm. While

the Justice Department's action targets SAC but not Cohen directly, the civil case brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission seeks to effectively shut him down by barring him from managing investor funds. In its statement, SAC Capital said Thursday it "has never encouraged, promoted or tolerated insider trading and takes its compliance and management obligations seriously." It added: "The handful of men who admit they broke the law does not reflect the honesty, integrity and character of the thousands of men and women who have worked at SAC over the past 21 years. SAC will continue to operate as we work through these matters." □



Preet Bharara, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announces the indictment of SAC Capital at a news conference in New York, July 25, 2013. Federal authorities announced a raft of criminal charges Thursday against the hedge fund run by billionaire Steven Cohen, an unusually aggressive move that could cripple one of Wall Street's most successful stock trading firms. (Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

fund companies was a hotbed of insider trading and its embattled billionaire owner wanted to hear no evil, prosecutors said in an indictment unsealed Thursday that claimed the firm earned hundreds of millions of dollars illegally. The criminal indictment and civil lawsuits brought against SAC Capital Advisors and related companies did not name billionaire Steven A. Cohen as a defendant, referenc-

ficked in inside information on a scale without any known precedent in the history of hedge funds."

He declined to comment on whether Cohen would be charged, saying: "I'm not going to say what tomorrow may or may not bring."

For more than a decade, the company earned hundreds of millions of dollars illegally as its portfolio managers and analysts traded on inside informa-

appearance for the firm's lawyers was scheduled for Friday.

The possibility that the criminal case could topple the Stamford, Connecticut, firm, which once managed \$15 billion in assets, led the prosecutor to note that the government was not seeking to freeze SAC's assets. Bharara added that prosecutors were "mindful to minimize risk to third-party investors."

In a statement, SAC Capi-






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Prosecutors: Manning abused his country's trust

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FORT MEADE, Maryland (AP) — U.S. soldier Bradley Manning was a traitor with one mission as an intelligence analyst in Iraq: to find and reveal government secrets to a group of anarchists and bask in the glory as a whistleblower, a prosecutor said during closing arguments.

Maj. Ashden Fein said Manning betrayed his country's trust and gave classified information to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks, knowing the material would be seen by al-Qaida. Even Osama bin Laden had some of the digital files at his compound in Pakistan when he was killed, the prosecutor said.

"WikiLeaks was merely the platform which Pfc. Manning used to ensure all the information was available for the world, including enemies of the United States," Fein said. Manning is charged with 21 offenses, but the most serious is aiding the enemy, which carries a possible sentence of up to life in prison.

Defense attorneys will present their closing arguments Friday.

Manning, 25, was not the troubled, naive soldier defense attorneys have made him out to be, Fein said.

He displayed a smiling photo of Manning from 2010 when he was visiting relatives while on leave. Fein said: "This is a glee-

ful, grinning Pfc. Manning" who sent battlefield reports to WikiLeaks, accompanied by the message: "Have a good day."

Manning has acknowledged giving WikiLeaks hundreds of thousands

of battlefield reports, diplomatic cables and videos in late 2009 and early 2010. But he says he didn't believe the information would harm troops in Afghanistan and Iraq or threaten national security.

Prosecutors must prove Manning knew al-Qaida would see the material to get a conviction on the most serious charge of aiding the enemy. They presented evidence Manning knew "the en-

emy" in general used the Internet, and that leakers with evil intent might use WikiLeaks to spill secrets.

Fein's closing remarks, including calling Manning a traitor, struck a chord with his supporters.

As court recessed for the

weeks of his arrival in Iraq in November 2009.

Referring to a "Most Wanted Leaks" list the organization published, Fein said WikiLeaks sought almost exclusively information about the U.S.

Federal authorities also



Army Pfc. Bradley Manning is escorted out of a courthouse at Fort Mead, Md, Thursday, July 25, 2013. Manning is charged with indirectly aiding the enemy by sending troves of classified material to WikiLeaks. He faces up to life in prison. (AP Photo/Cliff Owen))

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day, a man said, "You're a hero, Bradley, as far as I'm concerned." Several others murmured support for Manning in what became a loud buzz.

The judge angrily shouted, "Gallery, that's enough!"

Defense attorney David Coombs said supporters on Friday would hear what truth sounds like

Fein said Manning relied on WikiLeaks and its founder Julian Assange for guidance on what to leak, starting within two

are looking into whether Assange can be prosecuted. He has been holed up in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London to avoid extradition to Sweden on sex crimes allegations.

Manning pleaded guilty earlier this year to reduced versions of some charges. He faces up to 20 years in prison for those offenses,

but prosecutors pressed ahead with the original charges. □

Informant from motorcycle gang killing testifies

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RENO, Nev. (AP) — A former Vagos motorcycle gang leader turned federal informant testifying at a murder trial for an ex-colleague accused of killing a rival Hells Angel in a Nevada casino shootout said Thursday the melee stemmed from a misunderstanding about the victim's offer to buy another Vagos a drink.

Washoe District Judge Connie Steinheimer forbade media from photographing the prosecution witness — the ex-president of the Vagos Southern California Riverside chapter who said he goes by the name Jimmy Evanson, a pseudonym.

Among other things, he blamed another loud-mouthed Vagos — ex-Los Angeles chapter vice president Gary "Jabbers" Rudnick — for starting the fight that triggered the brawl on a busy Sparks casino floor on Sept. 23, 2011.

Evanson had testified anonymously as a confidential source in November 2011 before the grand jury that returned a murder indictment for Ernesto Gonzalez, former president of the Vagos chapter in Nicaragua.

Gonzalez is accused of fatally shooting Hells Angels San Jose, Calif.,

president Jeffrey "Jethro" Pettigrew during the fight at John Ascuaga's Nugget on Interstate 80 just east of Reno. □



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US Financial Front:

Orders for American durable goods rise 4.2% in June

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders for long-lasting U.S. factory goods rose in June, bolstered by a surge in aircraft demand and more business spending. The increase suggests companies are more confident in the economy and could boost economic growth in the second half of the year. The Commerce Department said Thursday that orders for durable goods increased 4.2 percent last month. That followed a 5.2 percent gain in May, which was revised higher.

Most of the gain occurred because aircraft orders, which are volatile month to month, jumped 31.4 percent. Boeing said it received orders for 287 planes in June, up from 232 in May. Excluding autos and airplanes, orders were unchanged. Orders that signal planned business investment, which

exclude volatile transportation and defense orders, increased in June for the fourth straight month. The 0.7 percent gain last month was buoyed by more machinery demand. And orders in May were much stronger than previously reported.

Even with the gain, business investment is not likely to help economic growth in the April-June quarter, economists said. That's because the government measures shipments, rather than orders, when calculating business investments' contribution to growth. Shipments fell in June. But the increase in orders this spring suggests shipments will rise in the July-September quarter and add to growth.

Jonathan Basile, an economist at Credit Suisse, said rising orders are a "recipe for a speed up in manufacturing and business investment" in the third quarter.

Durable goods are items meant to last at least three years. They include every-

thing from computers to industrial machinery to refrigerators.



Rusty Eckstein of Mount Comfort RV, in Greenfield, Ind. walks past a line of travel trailers at the dealership. The Commerce Department reported an increase on business orders for durable goods in June on Thursday, July 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Charlie Nye)

U.S. manufacturing has struggled this year, in part because a weaker global economy has slowed demand for American exports. And businesses reduced their spending on machinery and equipment in the first quarter, holding back economic growth. The economy grew at a tepid 1.8 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter and most economists expect growth slowed to a rate of 1 percent or less in the April-June period. Figures for the second quarter will be released next week. □

U.S. unemployment aid applications rise to 343K

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits rose by 7,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 343,000.

The increase in the week ending July 20 follows a drop of 22,000 the previous week. But the broader trend is consistent with an improving job market.

The four-week average, which smooths out weekly fluctuations, fell 1,250 to 345,250, according to the Labor Department.

"Claims continue to signal no let-up in employment growth," Jim O'Sullivan,

chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, wrote in a research note. Weekly applications data can be volatile in July. Automakers typically shut their factories the first two weeks of the month to prepare for new models, leading to temporary layoffs. But this year much of the industry has skipped or shortened the shutdowns to meet stronger demand. Applications are a proxy for layoffs. They're down nearly 8 percent this year. Employers have added an average 202,000 new jobs a month this year, up from an average 183,000 in 2012. □

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Protests erupt after Tunisian opposition leader killed

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TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Angry anti-government demonstrations broke out Thursday across Tunisia after gunmen killed the leader of a leftist opposition party, raising fears of new chaos on the difficult road to democracy in the cradle of the Arab Spring.

Just five months after a similar assassination plunged the country into crisis, two gunmen shot Mohammed Brahmi, leader of the Popular Current party, in his car outside his home.

Tunisia is struggling after overthrowing dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in January 2011. Many Tunisians are fed up with the government led by the moderate Islamist ruling party, Ennahda, which appears unable to handle a faltering economy, address popular unrest over unmet expectations and crack down on a rising extremist Islamist movement.

Protesters immediately blamed the latest killing on the government. Soon after news broke, crowds gathered outside the Interior Ministry in the heart of Tunis calling for its downfall. There were also demonstrations around the country, including in Sidi Bouzid, Brahmi's impoverished home town and the birthplace of the country's revolution. Crowds in the nearby town of Meknassi

burned down the local headquarters of Ennahda, which rules in a coalition with two secular parties.

The Popular Front coalition of leftist parties that included Brahmi's called for "civil disobedience in all locations of the country until the fall of the governing coalition."



A protester carries a Tunisian flag during a rally after the assassination of Mohamed Brahmi, the leader of the Arab nationalist People's Party, on Avenue Habib Bourguiba in Tunis, Tunisia, July 25, 2013. The killing of Mohamed Brahmi incited protests blaming the ruling party, as the birthplace of the Arab Spring plunged again into crisis.

(Gianni Cipriano/The New York Times)

The country's largest trade unions called for a general

strike Friday that will shutter the government, public transportation and most shops freeing people up for what are expected to be large anti-government protests.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility for Brahmi's killing. The

two attackers sped off on a moped, according to a neighbor cited by the state

news agency. Local media reported Brahmi was shot 11 times and his daughter witnessed his killing.

The killing immediately brought to mind the assassination of Chokri Belaid, also a member of the Popular Front coalition, who was killed in his car outside his home in February.

Many members of Belaid's party hold the government responsible for his assassination, believing it either turned a blind eye to Islamist extremists or actively used them to target their opponents. The government has blamed Belaid's assassination on Islamist militants and said that six suspects are still on the run and their names will soon be revealed.

Belaid's death prompted nationwide demonstrations and the resignation of the prime minister. The latest killing is threatening to plunge Tunisia back into the same kind of crisis.

"This day signifies the death

of the democratic process in Tunisia," Nejjib Chebbi of the liberal opposition Jomhuri (Republican) Party told local radio. "The government must leave."

Crowds gathered outside the hospital in a suburb of Tunis where Brahmi's body was laid out after he was shot. They then swarmed the ambulance taking it away for the official autopsy. The Ennahda Party, which dominated legislative elections in October 2011, could be severely weakened by the latest assassination, experts said.

"This is really going to put Ennahda on the spot right now," said Laryssa Chomiak, director of the Tunis-based Institute for Maghreb Studies. "The Tunisian public was not happy with the way in which the Chokri Belaid assassination investigation was dealt with... if they mess this up, I think it's going to be extremely bad for them, for their domestic support." □

Bulgaria distributes images of terror suspects

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SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Bulgarian authorities distributed on Thursday the names and images of two wanted suspects involved in a bomb attack that killed five Israeli tourists and a Bulgarian bus driver last year. The first alleged terrorist is

identified as Meliad Farah, also known as Hussein Hussein, an Australian citizen born Nov. 5, 1980. The second is Hassan El Hajj Hassan, a Canadian citizen born March 22, 1988, according to a statement of the interior ministry. The ministry asked people who might have seen them

to report to the nearest police station.

A third suspect, a suicide bomber who died on the scene, has not been identified. Last August, Bulgarian experts produced the image of a young, dark-haired man based on the remains of his body, which was decapitated in the explosion.

Fingerprints and DNA samples also have not led to results so far.

The interior ministry said that three weeks before the attack on July 18, 2012, the two named suspects were spotted in several nearby cities. Investigators believe they checked into hotels and hired cars with fake ID cards under the names of Brian Jeremiah Jameson, Jacque Felipe Martin and Ralph William Rico.

Bulgarian authorities had previously declared the citizenship of the two suspects but not the details.

Interior Minister Tsvetlin Yovchev would not explain why the details were being

released now, saying that recently his ministry had "received data from international partners." He did not elaborate.

"What has already been published is the only information which can be revealed at this stage," he said.

On July 18, 2012, a bus carrying Israeli tourists exploded at the airport in Burgas, killing 7 — including five Israeli tourists, the Bulgarian bus driver, and the perpetrator of the attack — and injuring 35.

In February, Bulgarian authorities said there were reasons to believe that the suspects were members of the militant wing of Hezbollah. Last week, Minister Yovchev said there were "clear signs that say that Hezbollah was behind the bus bombing."

On Monday, the EU's 28 foreign ministers reached a unanimous decision to include the armed wing of Hezbollah in its list of terror organizations. □

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Wave of cafe bombings, attacks kill 42 in Iraq

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Emboldened militants in Iraq set up their own checkpoint to kill drivers and bombed crowded cafes Thursday in the deadliest of a series of attacks that killed at least 42 people, authorities said. More than 550 people have been killed in violent attacks so far this month, according to an Associated Press count, as violence continues during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The speaker of Iraqi parliament even has acknowledged that insecurity in the nation likely will get worse after a massive al-Qaida-claimed prison break freed hundreds of inmates. The deadliest attack Thursday happened when a bomb exploded inside a crowded cafe north of Baghdad, killing 16 diners and wounded 20 others. Iraqi police said that the blast targeted Noufel cafe near the town of Muqdadiah, about 90 kilometers (60 miles) north of Bagh-

dad. Ahmed Ibrahim, a government employee, was shopping near the targeted cafe when he heard a thunderous explosion. "Everybody rushed to the explosion site and saw charred bodies that were thrown outside the cafe because of the powerful explosion," he said. "The scene was horrible." An hour later, a bomb went off inside another cafe near Baghdad, killing two people and wounding six, authorities said. Hospital officials confirmed the casualty figures. During Ramadan, cafes in Iraq become quite crowded as people gather there to break the daily fast. Extremists have targeted crowded cafes this year. Militants have grown bolder in their attacks as well. Earlier Thursday, insurgents outside the village of Sarha launched mortar rounds at a nearby military base and bombed a communication tower to distract security forces. Then they quickly set up a fake checkpoint on a nearby highway to stop passing vehicles, said

Col. Hussein Ali Rasheed, the police chief in nearby Tuz Khormato, about 200 kilometers (125 miles) north of Baghdad. The corpses of 14 drivers and passengers in a convoy of trucks caught at the checkpoint, all of them Shiites, were later found, each killed by gunshot wounds to the head, Rasheed said. In the northern city of Beiji, 250 kilometers (155 miles) north of Baghdad, militants shot and killed three off-duty soldiers as they were leaving a restaurant, provincial health official Raed Ibrahim said. The soldiers were on their way to Baghdad from Mosul. And in the city of Kirkuk, a parked car bomb targeted a passing police patrol on



Civilians inspect the aftermath of a car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq. Emboldened militants in Iraq set up their own checkpoint to kill drivers and bombed crowded cafes Thursday in the deadliest of a series of attacks that killed at least 42 people, authorities said.

(AP Photo/Karim Kadim)

Thursday morning, critically wounding six policemen, police Col. Salah Abdul-Qadir said. Kirkuk is 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad. □

Set for next week:

Israelis, Palestinians to US for talks

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JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli and a Palestinian official say preliminary peace talks agreed to after a shuttle mission by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry are to begin in Washington on Tuesday. Israeli-Palestinian talks on the terms of a Palestinian state have been frozen for five years, and both sides have low expectations of the new U.S. peace push. The two sides still disagree on the rules for actual ne-

gotiations, including the principles for drawing a border between them. It's unclear if those disputes can be resolved in Washington. Israeli Cabinet Minister Silvan Shalom says "there is a good chance" the preliminary talks will start on Tuesday. A Palestinian diplomat on Thursday confirmed the date, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter with journalists. □

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Egypt braces for rival rallies set for Friday

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CAIRO (AP) — Political allies of Egypt's military lined up behind its call for huge rallies Friday to show support for the country's top general, pushing toward a

who ousted Egypt's elected president on July 3, took many by surprise when he announced this week that he wanted people to take to the streets in large numbers on Friday to give him a popular mandate to take the necessary measures

month at sit-ins in Cairo and elsewhere calling for Morsi's reinstatement. That has hiked fears of a violent confrontation. Islamists also plan pro-Morsi rallies on Friday, raising the possibility of street clashes, as has happened repeat-

ing Morsi was a worse crime than if the general had destroyed the Kaaba, Islam's holiest site — an attempt to fire up the religious fervor in the pro-Morsi camp ahead of Friday's rallies.

On the other side, state TV and pro-military private networks were doing their part to back el-Sissi: They announced that the wildly popular mini-series shown during the current holy month of Ramadan will not be aired Friday to ensure that large numbers go out onto the streets. Some of them were airing patriotic songs.

Still unclear is what exactly el-Sissi meant by seeking a mandate against violence — and how far the military would go. The most explosive move would be if troops were to eventually try to clear major Islamist sit-ins. The largest has been outside Cairo's Rabaa al-Adawiya mosque, where crowds some nights have grown to tens of thousands. A more limited move would be for troops to take tougher action against any sign of Morsi supporters engaged in violence. Some Islamist protesters have been seen with weapons — though their opponents have been as well, and each accuses the other of sparking clashes. On Thursday military spokesman Col. Ahmed Mohammed Ali said el-Sissi's call was "not a threat to any specific political group." He said the military respects peaceful protests.

But he said any violence or terrorism will be "dealt with decisively and with force" — signaling a likely tough approach on any sign of violence, which Islamists' opponents have largely blamed on the pro-Morsi camp. □

UN: More than 100K now dead in Syria civil war

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DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The number of dead in Syria's civil war has passed 100,000, the U.N. chief said Thursday, calling for urgent talks on ending 2½ years of violence even as President Bashar Assad's government blasted the United States as an unsuitable peace broker.

In the latest example of the relentless carnage, a car bomb killed at least 10 people and wounded 66 in a pro-regime, residential area near the capital.

All international attempts to broker a political solution to the Syrian civil war have failed. Despite a stalemate that has settled in for months, both sides still believe they can win the war and have placed impossible conditions for negotiations.

The international community has been unable — and some say, unwilling — to intervene sufficiently to tip the balance in favor of either the Assad regime or the rebels.

"There is no military solution to Syria," U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told reporters at the United Nations.

"There is only a political solution, and that will require leadership in order to bring people to the table," he said.

He spoke ahead of talks with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who said the death toll had risen from nearly 93,000 just over a month ago to more than 100,000. Syrian opposition groups had made that same estimate a month ago. □



Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi walk past a wall with graffiti and Arabic writing that reads, "no to the coup," where protesters have set up a camp near Cairo University in Giza, Egypt, Thursday, July 25, 2013.

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

collision with Islamist opponents demanding the return of the nation's ousted president.

But there was widespread uncertainty over the army's intentions — and worry that the military is whipping up a dangerous populist fervor. Gen. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi,

against "violence and terrorism." El-Sissi's call was widely interpreted as a prelude to a crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamist group from which the ousted Mohammed Morsi hails, and other Islamists who have been camped out for about a

edly in recent weeks. Islamists on Thursday lashed out at the military, saying el-Sissi's call signals a plan to crush what they insist are their peaceful protests. The spiritual leader of the Brotherhood, Mohammed Badie, hiked up his rhetoric against el-Sissi, saying out-



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EU court dismisses claims Khodorkovsky case political



In this photo taken on Thursday Dec. 30, 2010, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, left, and his co-defendant Platon Lebedev talk at a court room in Moscow, Russia. The European Court of Human Rights on Thursday, July 25, 2013, has dismissed claims that Russian tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky was prosecuted for political reasons. (AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko Jr)

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Europe's top human rights court on Thursday dismissed claims that Russian tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky was prosecuted for political reasons, but said that some procedures during a trial against him were unfair.

The Strasbourg-based European Court of Human Rights also said in its ruling

Thursday that Russia unfairly charged Khodorkovsky huge tax arrears, and that Russian authorities unfairly sent him and Lebedev to far-away penal colonies in eastern Siberia to serve their sentences, thousands of miles from their families in Moscow.

The court said that "it was hardly conceivable that there were no free places for the two applicants in

any of the many colonies situated closer to Moscow."

Russia's Justice Ministry said the court's finding of unfair treatment could lead to the annulment of the 2005 verdict and a new criminal probe. Such a move, however, would be unlikely to set Khodorkovsky and his business partner Platon Lebedev free, as they since have been convict-

ed again in a second trial. Khodorkovsky, once Russia's richest man, was convicted in 2005 for evading taxes and sentenced to nine years in prison. In a second trial that concluded in December 2010, he and his business partner Lebedev were convicted of stealing oil from their own Yukos oil company and laundering the proceeds and sentenced to 13 years in prison to run concurrently with their previous conviction.

Khodorkovsky is due for release in October 2014, after an appeals court com-

muted his sentence by two years. The case against Khodorkovsky is widely seen as President Vladimir Putin's punishment for the tycoon's political ambitions and his support for the opposition. Khodorkovsky had funded political parties and civil society initiatives widely seen as challenging the Kremlin.

The court ordered the Russian government to pay 10,000 euros (\$13,246) to Khodorkovsky, a very small sum compared to the billions of dollars he and his partner lost since his arrest a decade ago. □

Popularity of Brazil president drops again

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Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff's personal popularity rating has suffered a new setback after the massive protests that swept Latin America's biggest country last month, according to a poll released on Thursday. The Ibope polling institute said Rousseff's approval rating dropped 26 percentage points, going from 71 percent in June to 45 percent in July. Ibope interviewed 2,002 people between July 9 and 12 and the poll had a margin of error of 2 percentage points. It was conducted for the National Confederation of Industries.

The approval rating of Rousseff's government

dropped 24 percentage points, going from 55 percent in June to 31 percent in July, Ibope said.

It was the third poll that shows a sharp drop in Rousseff's popularity since the protests began.

The nationwide protests first targeted transportation fare increases but quickly expanded to a variety of causes including government corruption, high taxes, poor public services and the billions of dollars being spent for next year's World Cup soccer tournament and the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Earlier this month a National Transport Confederation poll showed Rousseff's personal approval rating plummeted from 74 percent in June to 49 percent in July. The MDA poll-

ing institute conducted the survey for the group, which represents private transportation businesses. The poll questioned 2,002 people between July 7 and 10 and had a margin of error of 2.2 percentage points.

That poll also showed a sharp drop in the public's approval of Rousseff's administration that went from 54 percent in June to 31 percent in July.

In June, the Datafolha polling institute said 30 percent of respondents rated Rousseff's government as "great/good" compared to 57 percent who gave it that rating before the demonstrations began. Datafolha surveyed 4,717 people on June 27 and 28. Its poll had a margin of error of 2 percentage points. □

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Spain's unemployment falls below 6 million in Q2

MADRID (AP) — Spain's National Statistics Institute says the country's jobless rate dropped by 0.9 percentage points to 26.26 percent in the second quarter of 2013, sorely needed good news for an econo-

my mired in recession for most of the past four years. The institute said Thursday the number of people out of work dropped by 225,200 April through to June to 5.87 million. The rate had reached a

record 27.16 percent in the first quarter. The reduction comes amid increasing optimism within the conservative government that its reforms and austerity measures are finally paying off. The Bank of Spain said re-

cently the economy contracted in the second quarter but by a smaller amount than the previous three months. It predicts the economy could start growing again in the third quarter. □



A man cycles past a queue of people waiting to enter an unemployment registry office in Madrid, Spain Thursday July 25, 2013. (AP Photo/Paul White)

UK recovery gaining steam with 0.6% growth in Q2

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The British economy grew by 0.6 percent in the second quarter compared with the previous three month period, official figures showed Thursday in the latest sign that Europe's third largest economy is on a firmer footing.

The increase in the country's annual gross domestic product, as reported by the Office for National Statistics, was double the previous quarter's rate but in line with market expectations. Services, agriculture, manufacturing and construction industries all contributed to the quarterly rise. Despite the increase, the U.K. economy is still smaller than it was before the deepest recession since World War II started in 2008 following an international financial crisis that had its roots in bad banking practices around the world. Despite the quarterly rise, the British economy, Europe's third-biggest behind Germany and France,

is still around 3.3 percent smaller than at its peak in the first three months of 2008. Still, the increase will foster hopes that the U.K. economy can now post sustained increases in outputs following a three-year period when it largely flatlined despite record low interest rates and a big stimulus program from the Bank of England. The coalition government that was formed after the 2010 general election has made deficit-reduction the primary focus of its goals but the austerity measures that have been pursued have weighed on economic activity. The next election is expected in May 2015.

"Britain is on the mend, but we've got to stick with the plan because there's still a long way to go," British finance minister George Osborne told Sky News.

Excluding last summer's boost from the London Olympic Games, the quarterly rise was the strongest in almost two years, according to Chris Williamson, the chief economist at

Markit.com.

"Prospects look good for a continuation of the recovery in the third quarter, with consumers and businesses both helping drive the upturn," he said.

There have been some false dawns before and economists urged caution. Vicky Redwood of Capital Economics said the British economy still faces headwinds, with pay levels falling for many, bank lending flat and the government pursuing austerity measures designed to get the British public finances back into shape. "Of course, we shouldn't get too carried away," she said. "Even a 0.6 percent quarterly rise is fairly mediocre after such a deep recession."

Nonetheless, the increase in GDP will likely give the U.K. government a bit of breathing space as it continues with its multi-year austerity prescription. And critics say that despite the improvement in overall growth, many people in Britain are failing to see an improvement in their living

standards.

"It's a measure of how poor the economy is faring that this level of growth is being welcomed," said Frances O'Grady, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, the umbrella body for the country's trade unions. "We remain stuck in the slowest recovery for a century."

The International Monetary Fund has suggested that the government might want to reconsider the pace of its austerity measures to help the economy, whose output was worth 1.4 trillion pounds (\$2.1 trillion) in 2012.

If the second quarter trend continues for the year, Britain's annualized growth rate would be around 2.5 percent, similar to those that have existed in the United States for a while now. "This is going to plan for the government," said James Carrick, a U.K. economist for the financial services company, Legal & General. "We're getting decent growth despite the austerity programs." □

German business survey points to optimistic growth

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— German business optimism rose slightly more than expected in July, a closely watched survey revealed Thursday, the latest in a series of signals indicating moderate growth ahead for Europe's biggest economy.

The Ifo institute's business climate index rose to 106.2 during the month from 105.9 in June. The increase was slightly more than the 106.1 widely expected in the markets.

The third monthly increase in a row provides more evidence that Germany remains on track to rebound from a lackluster performance in the last months of 2012 and the first quarter of this year. Ifo survey director Kai Carstensen said Thursday that "firms remain cautiously optimistic with regard to their future business outlook."

First-quarter growth was only 0.1 percent but the country's central bank says figures will show it grew "strongly" in the April-June second quarter. Official data are due out Aug. 14 alongside wider figures for the economy of the 17 European Union countries that use the euro.

The Germany economy, the largest in the eurozone, will be a key factor as the region struggles to get out of a recession that has lasted six straight quarters. A survey Wednesday raised hopes that the eurozone as a whole was poised to emerge from recession soon. Economist Christian Schulz at Berenberg Bank in London said the Ifo survey "signals moderate growth" in the Germany economy, which should remove the need for further interest rate cuts from the European Central Bank. He said export expectations were somewhat weaker as China, a key market for German companies, slows. The ECB's governing council meets next week to decide interest rates for the eurozone. The benchmark refinancing rate is at a record low of 0.5 percent. □



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Joann R. Klein honored by ATA at Renaissance Ocean Suites

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Matt Garza wins Rangers debut 3-1 over Yankees

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Matt Garza pitched into the eighth inning of his Rangers debut, the only run he allowed unearned after his throwing error, and Texas beat the New York Yankees 3-1 on Wednesday night.

Garza (1-0) was 6-1 in his 11 starts this season for the Chicago Cubs before being traded Monday to the Rangers, who had long coveted the right-hander. He was 5-0 with a 1.24 ERA his last six starts for Chicago, winning the last five. After giving up consecutive singles to start his first game in a Rangers jersey, Garza retired 15 of the next 16 batters before his throwing error on Brett Gardner's comebacker leading off the sixth.

A.J. Pierzynski drove in two runs for Texas, including a tiebreaking solo homer in the bottom of the sixth off Andy Pettitte (7-8). David Murphy also homered, off reliever Shawn Kelley in the eighth.

RAYS 5, RED SOX 1

BOSTON (AP) — David Price pitched a five-hitter for his third complete game of the season, Wil Myers had a two-run single, and the surging Rays won for the 19th time in 22 games by beating the Red Sox. James Loney had two hits and drove in a run for the Rays. Tampa Bay moved within a half-game of the AL East-leading Red Sox. Mike Napoli homered for Boston, which lost for the fifth time in eight games. Price (5-5) needed only 97 pitches for his seventh career complete game. He struck out four and didn't

walk a batter. Since returning from a 47-day stint on the disabled list because of a triceps strain, he is 4-1 with a 1.76 ERA in five starts. Felix Doubront (7-4) gave up three runs and six hits and took the loss.

ATHLETICS 4, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON (AP) — Coco Crisp hit a two-run homer in Oakland's three-run seventh inning to help the Athletics to a win over the Astros. The A's trailed by two before an RBI double by Eric Sogard with one out cut the lead to 3-2 and chased starter Bud Norris. Crisp launched his home run off Travis Blackley (1-1) to put Oakland on top. John Jaso had a solo homer in the first inning for the A's, who have won 11 of 12 against Houston this season.

A.J. Griffin (9-7) allowed six hits and three runs and tied a season-high with eight strikeouts in 6 1-3 innings for the win.

ANGELS 1, TWINS 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Jered Weaver outpitched Mike Pelfrey with eight innings of two-hit ball and Albert Pujols drove in the only run, leading the Angels to a victory over the Twins. Weaver (5-5) struck out nine and walked one in his first home start against the Twins since his no-hitter on May 2, 2012. The three-time All-Star retired 19 consecutive batters during one stretch — just four days after teammate C.J. Wilson set down 18 in a row against Oakland. Ernesto Frieri got three outs for his 25th save in 27 chances, less than 24 hours after giving up five runs including a grand slam by



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Matt Garza throws to the New York Yankees during the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

Chris Herrmann in the 10th inning of the Angels' 10-3 loss.

Pelfrey (4-8) pitched six innings and allowed five hits, including Pujols' run-scoring single in the first.

INDIANS 10, MARINERS 1

SEATTLE (AP) — Scott Kazmir allowed just one hit over his eight innings, Michael Bourn hit his first career grand slam and the Indians routed the Mariners. The only hit Kazmir (6-4) gave up was a clean lead-off single to center by Justin Smoak in the fifth. Kazmir struck out seven, walked two and allowed an unearned run. He threw 103 pitches and was relieved by Vinnie Pestano in the ninth. Pestano allowed a

hit. Bourn blew the game open in the fifth with his slam on a full-count pitch from reliever Hector Noesi. Asdrubal Cabrera had two hits, including his eighth home run. Carlos Santana had three hits, including a pair of RBI doubles. Joe Saunders (9-9) took the loss. He lasted just 4 2-3 innings, allowing five earned runs on nine hits, walking three and striking out five. **TIGERS 6, WHITE SOX 2** **CHICAGO (AP)** — Prince Fielder, Austin Jackson and Torii Hunter homered, and Anibal Sanchez pitched six scoreless innings to help the Tigers overcome Miguel Cabrera's absence in a win over the White Sox.



Former New England Patriots NFL football tight end Aaron Hernandez appears during a probable cause hearing at Attleboro District Court, on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Attleboro, Mass.

Associated Press

Photos show Hernandez apparently holding gun

**BRIDGET MURPHY
ERIKA NIEDOWSKI
Associated Press**

ATTLEBORO, Massachusetts (AP) — Former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez is holding what authorities say appears to be a gun in several surveillance photos that were released Thursday and had been recorded shortly after a friend of the NFL player was shot to death. The photos taken from Hernandez's home surveillance system are contained in more than 100 pages of court records released by Attleboro District Court. Hernandez has pleaded not guilty to murder in the death of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old Boston semi-professional football player whose body was found June 17 in an industrial park about a mile from Hernandez's home. He was shot five times. The pictures show Hernandez in his basement holding a gun shortly after Lloyd was killed, an affidavit released Thursday says.

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Federer slumps to Swiss Open loss against Brands

GSTAAD, Switzerland (AP) — Roger Federer slumped to a stunning defeat against No. 55 Daniel Brands in the Swiss Open second round on Thursday, his third straight tournament exit against a low-ranked opponent.

Federer had trouble handling Brands' serve and big forehands on the clay surface in the thin mountain air. The German right-hander won 6-3, 6-4 in just 65 minutes.

"I wasn't consistent enough in the end," said Federer, who failed on five break-point chances. "He was serving well and I couldn't do enough with my return."

The 31-year-old Swiss star has now lost to players ranked Nos. 116, 114 and 55 in the past month at Wimbledon; Hamburg, Germany and now in front of his home fans.

Federer's own ranking of No. 5 is his lowest in a decade since he started his run of 17 Grand Slam singles titles at Wimbledon in 2003.

Federer saved a first match point by serving an ace when trailing 5-3, and a second in the next game with a forehand winner.

Brands, who took a set off Federer in a second-round loss at Hamburg when they first played on tour, then clinched victory with a service winner.

"For sure the altitude has helped me," Brands said. "I served well and put pressure on him from the very beginning."

Defeat spoiled Federer's

Federer only came to Gstaad and Hamburg seeking extra matches after his second-round exit at Wimbledon to Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine.

gentina.

"I'm happy that I was able to play because I've had problems for some time now, already in Hamburg," Federer said.



Roger Federer of Switzerland reacts during his match against Daniel Brands of Germany, a second round match of the Suisse Open tennis tournament in Gstaad, Switzerland, Thursday July 25, 2013.
Associated Press

return to Gstaad for the first time since he won the title in 2004 —

and where he debuted on the ATP Tour in 1998 as a 17-year-old ranked No. 702.

After a three-week break, Federer returned in Hamburg testing a new, bigger racket but was slowed by a back injury and lost in the semifinals to left-hander Federico Delbonis of Ar-

gentina. "But it didn't get worse during today's match."

Still, Brands extended the streak of surprise losses, breaking Federer's service to lead 4-2 in the opening set when he put away a

simple overhead shot at the net.

The 26-year-old German fired down 11 aces in the match, including two to close out the first set.

Federer immediately lost serve in the second by netting a backhand volley, and had to save three break-point chances to avoid trailing 3-0.

Federer rarely loses his opening match at a tournament: Thursday's defeat ranks alongside his round-of-64 exit in straight sets at Indian Wells, California, in March 2007 to Guillermo Canas of Argentina, then ranked No. 60.

Federer is scheduled to return next month at the Montreal Masters, and then defend his Cincinnati Masters title before the U.S. Open begins Aug. 26.

Third-seeded Janko Tipsarevic of Serbia was also eliminated in straight sets Thursday, piling up the unforced errors, including six double faults, to lose to Robin Haase of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-2.

Two former Swiss Open champions advanced to the quarterfinals.

Marcel Granollers of Spain, the 2011 winner, beat Federico Delbonis of Argentina 6-2, 7-5, and 2008 champion Victor Hanesescu of Romania led Roberto Bautista 7-6 (2), 3-2 when the Spaniard retired with a back injury. □

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Strasburg, slumping Nationals lose to Pirates 4-2

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Francisco Liriano didn't allow a hit until the sixth inning against a struggling and depleted Nationals lineup, and Pedro Alvarez homered off Stephen Strasburg to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates past Washington 4-2 on Wednesday night.

The Nationals fell to 0-6 since the All-Star break — scoring a total of 13 runs in that span — and have lost 11 of 13.

Liriano (10-4) walked the first batter he faced, then retired 11 in a row before another walk. Five more outs followed, before rookie Anthony Rendon reached on what was ruled an infield single with two away in the sixth.

The Nationals wasted an exceptional outing from Strasburg (5-8), who struck out 12 and didn't walk anyone in eight innings. He gave up only one run and two hits, all in the second inning. It was Strasburg's ninth career game with 10 or more strikeouts.

The Pirates tacked on three runs in the ninth against Drew Storen and Fernando Abad.

Mark Melancon got the

last three outs to earn his third save.

BRVES 8, METS 2

NEW YORK (AP) — Tim Hudson took a shutout into the eighth inning before getting spiked at first base and carted off the field during

Evan Gattis, Dan Uggla and Andrelton Simmons all homered off an ineffective Jeremy Hefner to help the Braves' bats break loose after scoring only four runs in their previous three games.



Pittsburgh Pirates' Pedro Alvarez bats against the Washington Nationals during the seventh inning of a baseball game at Nationals Park, Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Washington. Pittsburgh won 4-2.

Associated Press

Atlanta's victory over the New York Mets.

Hudson has a broken right ankle and will undergo surgery in Atlanta once the swelling goes down.

Hudson (8-7) was working on a four-hitter when Eric Young Jr. hit a grounder that was knocked down by first baseman Freddie Freeman. Hudson took

Freeman's toss at the bag just before Young arrived, and the speedy outfielder stepped on the back of Hudson's lower right leg, near his Achilles, driving the pitcher's right ankle awkwardly into the base. The 38-year-old Hudson won his fourth straight start, striking out nine in 7 2-3 innings. Luis Avilan replaced him and gave up a two-run double to Daniel Murphy. Hefner (4-8) compiled a 1.76 ERA in his final eight starts before the All-Star break, the best mark in the majors during that span. But he was tagged for a career-worst eight runs and 10 hits in two-plus innings last Friday against Philadelphia.

The right-hander allowed a career-high three homers to Atlanta in 4 1-3 innings.

CARDINALS 11, PHILLIES 3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jake Westbrook pitched seven solid innings and contributed offensively with his second career steal, leading St. Louis past Philadelphia.

Matt Adams had two hits and three RBIs, and Shane Robinson's three-run triple in the fifth was his third hit of the game for the Cardinals (61-37), who are 4-1

since the All-Star break.

Allen Craig had two hits and a walk to give him 16 hits during a nine-game hitting streak. He is second in the NL in hitting at .337 behind teammate Yadier Molina (.339), who had three hits and an RBI.

Westbrook (7-4) had his first career three-hit game and helped knock out John Lannan (2-4) when he drew a two-out walk in the fourth, stole second and scored on Carpenter's single for a 4-0 Cardinals lead.

BREWERS 3, PADRES 1

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kyle Lohse pitched seven strong innings, and Carlos Gomez had four hits and drove in two runs to lead Milwaukee over San Diego.

It was the Brewers' first win since left fielder Ryan Braun was suspended Monday for the remainder of the 2013 season for violating Major League Baseball's drug policy.

Lohse (7-7) gave up five hits and struck out six. He is 6-1 over his last 11 starts with a 2.51 ERA. The Brewers were 2-8 in Lohse's first 10 starts and 8-3 in his last 11 starts.

John Axford pitched a scoreless eighth inning, and Jim Henderson worked the ninth to record his 11th save in 14 opportunities.

Sean O'Sullivan (0-2), making just his second start and third appearance of the season for the Padres, pitched 6 1-3 innings, giving up three runs on seven hits. He started in place of Jason Marquis, who is scheduled for Tommy John surgery.

ROCKIES 2, MARLINS 1

DENVER (AP) — Jorge De La Rosa tossed six scoreless innings, Todd Helton doubled and scored a run, and Colorado held on to beat Miami.

Michael Cuddyer reached three times and Rex Brothers earned his sixth save in seven chances with a scoreless ninth.

Miami entered the series having not scored in 37 innings, but it is the Rockies who struggled for runs in the first three games. □

Aretha Franklin, Bo Jackson to receive MLB honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Aretha Franklin and athlete Bo Jackson will be honored at the 2013 MLB Beacon Awards Luncheon next month.

Major League Baseball announced Thursday that Franklin and Jackson will receive awards Aug. 24 before the annual Civil Rights Game.

Filipino singer and "Glee" actress Charice will perform at the event.

Past recipients include Muhammad Ali, Harry Belafonte, Bill Cosby and Morgan Freeman. The event pays tribute to people who fight for equal rights. □



In this Dec. 31, 2011 file photo, former Auburn player Bo Jackson attends the Chick-fil-A Bowl NCAA college football game between Auburn and Virginia in Atlanta.

Associated Press

Usain Bolt says doping scandals have 'set us back'

ROB HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — Insisting that he is running clean, Usain Bolt said Thursday that the recent spate of doping scandals in athletics will damage the sport.

They won't affect his preparations for the upcoming world championships, however.

The world's fastest man stopped short of condemning Jamaican teammates Asafa Powell and Sherone Simpson or American rival Tyson Gay, whose failed doping tests have left the sport in turmoil ahead of the worlds in Moscow next month.

"Definitely it's going to set us back a little bit," Bolt said in London ahead of a Diamond League meet, his first competition in the city since his three gold medals at last year's Olympics. "But as a person I can't focus on this."

"I still have world championships, everyone is stepping up their game so I have to really focus on that. ... I am just trying to work hard, run fast and hopefully help people to forget what has happened, and just move on." Bolt will run the 100 meters on Friday and the 4x100 relay on Saturday at the Olympic Stadium in a meet marking the anniversary of the start of the 2012 London Olympics.

In his first public comments since news of the high-profile doping cases broke, Bolt promised that he won't be the next sprint star to be embroiled in a scandal.

"I was made to inspire people and to run, and I was given the gift and that's what I do," the six-time Olympic champion said. "I am confident in myself and my team, the people I work with. And I know I am clean."

"So I'm just going to continue running, using my talent and just trying to improve the sport."

If the recent cases have cast doubt about Bolt's own integrity, the 100- and 200-meter world record-holder asked any skeptics to just check his record.



Jamaica's Usain Bolt listens during a press conference in London, Thursday July 25, 2013. The Jamaican sprinter will compete in the 100 meters and the 4x100 relay at the two-day meeting on July 26-27, which marks the anniversary of the opening ceremony of the London Olympics.

Associated Press

"If you were following me since 2002 you would know that I have been doing phenomenal things since I was 15," the 26-year-old Bolt said.

"I was the youngest person to win the world juniors at 15. I ran the world junior (200) record 19.93 at (17) ... I have broken every record there is to break, in every event I have ever done."

"For me, I have proven myself since I was 15. ... I have shown everything throughout the years since I was always going to be great." It was announced earlier this month that Powell and Simpson tested positive for the stimulant oxilofrone at Jamaica's national championships in June. Discus thrower Allison Randall and two other athletes also returned positives for banned substances at the same meet.

"I'm just sitting and waiting to see the results and what's what," Bolt said. "There's a lot of things that hasn't been said and done yet."

Bolt said he has spoken only briefly via text message with Powell since the positive test was announced.

"I didn't want to bombard him with questions," Bolt said.

"I told him, 'Sorry to hear what was going on.' And he said 'Yes, it's kind of rough, it's hard.'"

"And I just told him to stay strong and stay focused, and hopefully everything will work out."

Powell was the last man to hold the 100-meter world record before Bolt broke it in 2008. He also helped the Jamaicans to the 4x100-meter relay gold medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. In almost 20 minutes with reporters in London on Thursday, Bolt avoided any direct criticism of his fellow athletes.

"In life things happen, people make mistakes, mishaps happen," Bolt said in response to a question about doping sanctions.

Both Powell and Gay claim they failed doping tests because they trusted people they didn't know very well. Bolt does not doubt his inner circle and was astounded by the suggestion he could inadvertently be given a banned supplement and test positive.

"What? I am clean," Bolt shot back while insisting he only takes vitamins and not supplements. "You have to be careful as an athlete what you do and what you ingest, the food you eat

and stuff like that.

"But I am not worried because ... I have a great team around me."

Questions about the apparent leniency of two-year doping bans were sidestepped by Bolt.

"I can't determine how harsh the rules should be," he said.

Sprinter Kim Collins, who is also competing in the

two-day London meet, accepts that every athlete is now under scrutiny, saying the wave of recent doping cases "leave a bad taste for all of us."

"Everyone is judged and I will be judged running fast at my age," said the 37-year-old Collins, a former 100-meter world champion from St. Kitts and Nevis. □

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U.S. to face Panama in Gold Cup final

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The United States advanced to the final of the CONCACAF Gold Cup with a 3-1 win over Honduras on Wednesday, with Landon Donovan scoring two goals and setting up another.

Sunday's final will pit the U.S. against Panama, which beat Mexico 2-1 to prevent the expected U.S.-Mexico final.

The Americans struck first when Donovan found Eddie Johnson running through the middle. He dribbled the ball then powered a shot past the goal-keeper to put the hosts ahead in the 11th minute. In the 27th minute, Donovan controlled a short chip off his chest and poked a shot past the keeper.

Nery Medina headed in a cross to pull a goal back for Honduras in the 52nd minute, but Donovan restored the two-goal lead a minute later.



Honduras' goal keeper Donis Escobar (22) is unable to stop a shot by United States' Landon Donovan (10) during the first half of the Gold Cup semifinals at Cowboys Stadium, Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

In the later game, Roman Torres' glancing header from a Gabriel Torres corner proved the winner as Panama upset Mexico. Panama then resisted pro-

longed Mexico pressure which yielded four good scoring opportunities over the next 30 minutes but no goals. Blas Perez struck first, giving

Panama a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute when he blasted a shot to the near post. In the 26th minute, Mexico's Marco Fabian got around a defender deep in

the box and then lofted a cross to the far post where Luis Montes' diving header sent the ball into the far upper corner for the equalizer.

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said Donovan's match-winning performance was "wonderful to watch" as the veteran plays himself back to the center of national team calculations after an international hiatus.

"I have told him in our conversations that 'I measure you. Your benchmark is the best Landon Donovan ever,'" Klinsmann said. "I'm not taking anything less than that. And he is trying to catch up with that. Give him more games. Give him time." Entering the game, he was the only U.S. player to play every minute of the tournament. He finally was subbed out in the 72nd minute, having earned a rest.

"It's the most relaxed I've felt," Donovan said. "I feel good, and I'm really enjoying it."

Klinsmann may get a sideline ban for the final after being ejected in the 87th minute for slamming a ball into the ground. A CONCACAF official said the referee would file a report with CONCACAF's disciplinary committee, which will announce a decision in the next day or two.

"It was a reaction out of frustration," he said. "It was not meant against the referee, against anybody. It was just frustration. I apologize for that."

Mexico was seeking a fourth straight Gold Cup final against the U.S., and a third straight Central America title but lost to Panama for just the second time in 15 games. □

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The surveillance was cut off within minutes.

Other photos show what authorities say is Hernandez in his living room, a few hours before Lloyd's killing, also holding what they believe is a gun.

Police say Lloyd was killed with a .45 caliber gun, but it has not been recovered. The previously sealed documents were released after several media organizations, including The Associated Press, filed motions seeking access and Judge Daniel O'Shea agreed Wednesday that they are public records.

Defense attorneys have objected to the unsealing of the records, saying it is "systematically undermin-

ing" Hernandez's right to a fair trial.

Also Wednesday, O'Shea sided with prosecutors who asked to delay a probable cause hearing for Hernandez to give them more time to present evidence in the murder case to a grand jury. That hearing was rescheduled for Aug. 22.

Hernandez will continue to be held without bail until then.

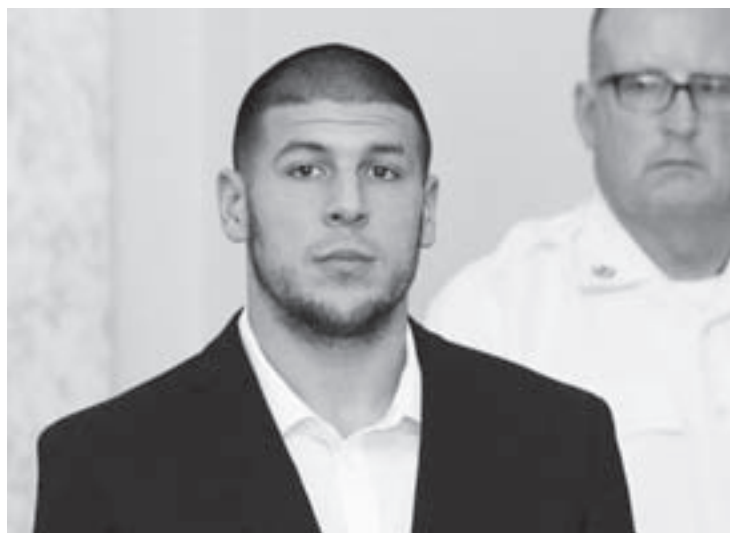
Prosecutors say Hernandez orchestrated Lloyd's killing because he was upset at him for talking to people Hernandez had problems with at a nightclub a few days earlier.

They say Hernandez and two associates, Ernest Wallace and Carlos Ortiz, drove with Lloyd to the North Attleborough indus-

trial park. Authorities have not said who fired the shots, but documents filed in Florida portray the former Patriot as the triggerman. According to the records,

Ortiz told police that Wallace said Hernandez fired the shots.

The Patriots released Hernandez within hours of his arrest. □



Former New England Patriots NFL football tight end Aaron Hernandez appears during a probable cause hearing at Attleboro District Court, on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, in Attleboro, Mass.

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Industry, advocates finalize mobile app guidelines

ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of industry lobbyists and privacy rights advocates voiced support Thursday for new voluntary guidelines for mobile apps that should make it easier for American consumers to know what personal information is getting sucked from their smartphone or tablet and passed along to marketers.

The plan will likely provide a brief, easy-to-read snapshot of an app's privacy policies, similar to nutrition labels on food packages. The snapshot would give consumers the bottom line on what information the software collects, such as physical location, surfing habits and personal contacts, and how that data might be used or shared with other companies.

The new labels won't replace lengthy privacy policies that consumers rarely read anyway. And how widespread these labels become is up to industry. While some key industry groups said they liked the idea — albeit with caveats about testing the proposal first — it's up to individual companies and developers to decide whether they want to comply. It could take several months for companies to test and implement the labels.

Still, the emerging consensus was considered a major step forward for privacy rights advocates who say consumers have been in the dark when it comes to the widespread collection of their personal data.

"For the first time many consumers will be able to do apples-to-apples comparisons" of different mobile apps' privacy policies, said Jules Polonetsky, director

of the Future of Privacy Forum, a Washington-based group of Internet privacy experts.

Mobile applications like Google Maps, Angry Birds and GasBuddy have become popular, inexpensive ways to personalize smartphones or tablets and improve their functionality. Often free or a couple bucks to download, apps can turn a phone into a sophisticated roaming office or gaming console.

But like all those websites that offer medical advice or parenting tips, there's a hitch: They want information like your birthdate or ZIP code, and often your location. Developers say data collection is necessary in many cases for the software to work as promised. The personal data also can be sold to marketers, making the app a lucrative reward to its creators.

This aggressive data collection has put industry at odds with consumer advocates, including groups like the American Civil Liberties Union and regulators at the Federal Trade Commission. Last February, the FTC released a report advising companies to offer a "do not track" mechanism for smartphone users and develop icons that show how a person's data is used.

Tim Sparapani with the Application Developers Alliance, a major industry association of app developers and tech companies that supports the proposed privacy labels, said he expects some consumers will change their behavior when they see the new privacy labels, but that many won't.

"We know that consumers love their apps — the downloads per day demonstrates that," Sparapani



Eddy Cue the Apple senior vice president of Internet Software and Services introduces the new iTunes Radio during the keynote address of the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference Monday, June 10, 2013 in San Francisco.

The Associated Press

said. What the new guidelines will do is "allow for greater transparency and comprehension among consumers of what's happening."

This month, new privacy rules by the FTC took effect for mobile apps marketed to children under age 13. Under the updated Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, companies can't collect information on kids in most cases unless a parent first gives permission, such as through an electronically scanned consent form. Parental consent is not required when a website operator collects data solely to support its internal operations, which can include advertising, site analysis and network communications.

If companies violate these rules, they could face costly penalties.

In a bid to head off similar

regulation for mobile apps used by teens and adults, several dozen tech industry lobbyists and privacy rights advocates teamed up to develop the voluntary disclosure guidelines with help from the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The FTC has said it would look favorably on businesses in any enforcement action that can show it complies with a strong code of conduct, such as the one being negotiated.

John Verdi, director of privacy initiatives at NTIA, said the new labels should make for smarter consumers.

"Compliance with the code will help app developers build and maintain trust with consumers — trust that is crucial to the health of the mobile app marketplace," Verdi said.

Some groups objected to

the proposal, which has been in the works for more than a year. Consumer Watchdog said the final plan would provide only "marginal improvements" in privacy protection and called on the Obama administration to propose legislation. Likewise, Jeff Chester with the Center for Digital Democracy said industry "cannot be expected to challenge their fundamental — and ever expanding — 'data maximization' business model."

But industry groups like the Software & Information Industry Association said they support the effort.

"In a time of rapidly evolving technology, industry self-regulation is the most effective way to maintain the right balance between consumer confidence and continued innovation," said Ken Wasch, the group's president. □

Materials companies help stock markets to slight gains

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Higher earnings from energy and chemical companies nudged the U.S. stock market up Thursday.

The modest move extends a pattern seen this week: Even with plenty of earnings news from big companies, the broader market has shuffled between minor gains and minor losses. Cabot Oil & Gas and Range Resources reported revenue and earnings that trumped estimates, sending their stocks up 7 percent. Cabot climbed \$4.85 to \$76.56. Range Resources rose \$5.34 to \$81.39.

Facebook soared 30 percent after reporting earnings late Wednesday that easily beat analysts' forecasts thanks to higher revenue from ads on mobile devices. Facebook's stock gained \$7.85 to \$34.36.

Nearly halfway through the second-quarter earnings season, the overall trend looks good, but not great, said Tyler Vernon, chief investment officer of Biltmore Capital in Princeton, N.J. "There have been some

big disappointments, like Caterpillar yesterday, but we're seeing better and better numbers coming out."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 4.31 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 1,690.25.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 2.41 points, or 0.02 percent, to 15,544.65. The Dow was held back by Home Depot and Caterpillar, which warned of sagging sales on Wednesday. The Nasdaq composite index gained 19.93 points, or 0.6 percent, to 3,599.53.

Analysts forecast that companies in the S&P 500 index will report earnings growth of 4.3 percent over the same period last year, according to S&P Capital IQ. At the start of July, the forecast was for growth of 2.8 percent. More than six out of every 10 companies have cleared analysts' earnings targets so far.

Eventually, improving profits should help push the S&P 500 index above 1,700 in the coming weeks, Vernon said.

D.R. Horton, the country's largest builder, and Pulte-

Group said orders for new houses jumped in the second quarter, but their results still fell short of what analysts had expected. PulteGroup also posted a

PulteGroup lost \$2.29, or 12.4 percent, to \$16.16, the biggest drop of any stock in the S&P 500.

"Housing is taking it on the chin," said JJ Kinahan,

ing what higher mortgage rates mean for housing."

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note was unchanged



Specialists Christopher Gildea, left, and Joseph Dreyer, confer at their posts on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Even with plenty of earnings news from big companies, the broader market has shuffled between minor gains and minor losses this week.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

14 percent decline in profits

D.R. Horton dropped \$1.82, or 9 percent, to \$19.38.

chief strategist at TD Ameritrade in Chicago. "I think what you're seeing a bit of today is people question-

from late Wednesday at 2.59 percent. Late last week, it was trading at 2.48 percent. □

Starbucks perks up on higher sales, lifts full-year forecast

CANDICE CHOI
AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Starbucks says its profit climbed 25 percent in the latest quarter as caffeine-addicted customers helped boost sales and its coffee costs eased.

The results topped Wall Street expectations, and the company raised its full-year guidance. Starbucks' shares were up almost 7 percent in aftermarket trading.

The Seattle-based chain, which has more than 19,000 locations around the world, said global sales rose 8 percent at cafes open at least 13 months, with all regions registering growth. In its flagship U.S. market, the figure rose 9 percent.

The performance is in contrast to McDonald's Corp., which reported an underwhelming 1 percent

increase in U.S. locations open at least a year earlier this week. The fast-food chain had partly blamed



A Starbucks drink waits for a customer to pick it up as barista Josh Barrow prepares another in Seattle. Starbucks said on Thursday, July 25, 2013, its profit climbed 25% in the latest quarter as caffeine-addicted customers helped boost sales and its coffee costs eased.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

economic conditions, saying people have been reluctant to eat out.

Troy Alstead, chief financial

officer for the chain, said the results demonstrate people's loyalty to the Starbucks brand, despite fac-

quarter. "We have some resilience, some insulation," Alstead said.

Starbucks has been tweaking the products in its cafes to drive up sales. In April, it rolled out revamped sandwiches in new packaging that come with slightly higher prices; the new egg salad sandwich, for example, costs \$5.25, up from \$5.15 previously.

New salads and grain bowls were also introduced at about \$7 per box.

Moving forward, the company has been testing new baked goods — acknowledging that its baked goods don't have a great reputation. It also announced that it's teaming up with Danone to offer new, branded Greek yogurt parfaits that are set to start replacing its current offerings in cafes by next year.

For the quarter, the company said it also managed to increase sales by 2 percent at established cafes in its Europe, where the company has been struggling. In the China and greater Asia region, the figure rose 9 percent.

Starbucks Corp. earned \$417.8 million, or 55 cents per share, for the period ended June 30. That's up from \$333.1 million, or 43 cents per share, a year ago.

Analysts on average expected 53 cents per share. Revenue rose to \$3.74 billion, more than the \$3.72 billion analysts had forecast.

It now expects earnings per share in the range of \$2.22 to \$2.23, up from \$2.12 to \$2.18.

Its shares rose to \$72.30, after closing up 2 percent at \$68.17. Its stock is up 34 percent over the past year. □

STREET BRIEFS

Google discloses it paid \$966 million for Waze service

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google says it paid \$966 million to buy online mapping service Waze, six weeks after closing the deal. The Internet search leader spelled out the purchase price in regulatory documents filed Thursday. Google Inc. withheld the price last month when it announced the acquisition of the Israel-based startup. The Associated Press and other media outlets had previously pegged the purchase price at \$1 billion, based on information from people familiar with the negotiations who didn't want to be named. Google also bought seven other smaller companies for a total of \$53 million during the three months in June. That calculation is based on information that Google disclosed in Thursday's document as well as a quarterly report filed in April. □

Soybean prices, corn fall while gold edges up higher

NEW YORK (AP) — Soybean prices fell Thursday, as did corn prices. Gold and silver edged higher and energy futures ended mixed. Soybeans for November delivery fell 32.75 cents to settle at \$12.24 a bushel. December corn fell 1.5 cents to \$4.7875 a bushel. September wheat lost 4 cents to \$6.4925 a bushel. August gold picked up \$9.30 to \$1,328.80 an ounce. Silver for September delivery rose 13.4 cents to \$20.154 an ounce. Copper closed slightly higher, while platinum and palladium both fell. Copper for September delivery edged up 0.65 cent to \$3.1855 a pound. October platinum fell \$7.30 to \$1,447.90 an ounce and palladium for September delivery fell \$4.55 to \$740.75 an ounce. The price of crude oil added 10 cents to finish at \$105.49 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. □

Amazon.com posts 2Q loss, jump in revenue

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Amazon.com Inc. reported a surprise loss in the second quarter, as a 22 percent jump in revenue was not enough to make up for rising operating expenses. The world's largest online retailer has been spending heavily on order fulfillment and digital content rights, which continue to weigh on profit margins. Amazon has long focused on spending the money it makes to grow its business and expand into new areas, from movie streaming to e-readers and even grocery delivery. Investors have largely forgiven thin profit margins and zeroed in on the company's solid revenue growth and long-term prospects. But such patience won't last forever. U.S.-based Amazon's stock fell \$5.40, or 1.8 percent, to \$298 in extended trading after the results came out. BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis said that while investors have been "rewarding

Amazon for its investment cycle," Wall Street is looking to start reaping the rewards. Amazon, which also makes the Kindle tablets and e-reader devices, said Thursday that its loss was \$7 million, or 2 cents per share, in the April-June quarter.

That's down from earnings of \$7 million, or 1 cent per share, a year ago. Revenue rose 22 percent to \$15.7 billion from \$12.83 billion. Analysts, on average, were expecting earnings of 5 cents per share on revenue of \$15.73 billion, according

to a poll by FactSet. Operating expenses rose 23 percent to \$15.63 billion from \$12.73 billion a year ago. For the current quarter, Amazon is forecasting revenue of \$15.45 billion to \$17.15 billion. Analysts were expecting \$16.97 billion



United Parcel Service (UPS) driver Paul Musial lifts an Amazon.com box in Palo Alto, Calif. Amazon.com Inc. reported a surprise loss in the second quarter, as a 22 percent jump in revenue was not enough to make up for rising operating expenses.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

Zynga 2Q losses narrow as company slashes costs

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Zynga relied on mass layoffs and other cost-cutting to trim its second-quarter losses as the troubled company struggled to come up with compelling games to play on smartphones and tablet computers. The results announced Thursday covered Zynga Inc.'s final reporting period before the San Francisco company hired former Microsoft executive Don Mattrick to replace founder Mark Pincus as CEO. Zynga is counting on Mattrick to engineer a turnaround after a highly successful stint in charge of Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox video game operations. The second-quarter review gave Mattrick his first opportunity to publicly assess the challenges facing Zynga since he started the new job earlier this month. In a statement, Mattrick didn't sugarcoat the challenges facing Zynga as the maker of games that were

once popular on Facebook's social network tries to figure out how to connect with game players who are increasingly entertaining themselves on mobile devices. "We have a lot of hard work in front of us and as we reset, we expect to see more volatility in our business than we would like over the next two to four quarters," Mattrick said. As if to underscore the bumpy road ahead, Zynga's financial forecast for the current quarter was worse than analysts anticipated. That triggered a nearly 13 percent drop in Zynga's already-drooping stock. The shares are down by nearly 70 percent from their December 2011 initial public offering price of \$10. Zynga also let down Wall Street by deciding not to pursue a U.S. license to peddle gambling games that would have involved the exchange of real currency. Had Zynga expanded into

that field, it would have opened up another potentially lucrative source of revenue. The company is still testing a gambling product in the United Kingdom. When the company went public, Zynga looked like a winner to many investors because games such as "Farmville" and "Mafia Wars" had gained enthusiastic and addictive followings on Facebook. But things have changed dramatically in the past few years as other digital game makers invaded Facebook and more people migrated to other pastimes on smartphones. King.com, the maker of the popular "Candy Crush Saga," has since supplanted Zynga as the No. 1 maker of social games. The latest numbers reflect the diminishing popularity of Zynga's game franchise. An average of 39 million people played Zynga's games on a daily basis during the second quarter, a 45 percent decline from 72

million at the same time last year. The adversity prompted Zynga to lay off 520 employees, or 18 percent of its workforce, last month. Some analysts believe Mattrick will have slash the payroll even more. Zynga lost \$15.8 million, or 2 cents per share, during the three months ending in June. That compared with a loss of \$22.8 million, or 3 cents per share, a year ago. If not for certain charges, Zynga said it would have lost a penny a share. That figure was better than the loss of 3 cents per share envisioned by analysts surveyed by FactSet. Zynga's revenue plunged 31 percent from last year to \$231 million — about \$4 million above analyst estimates. In the current quarter ending in September, Zynga foresees its adjusted losses ranging 5 cents to 9 cents per share on revenue ranging from \$175 million to \$200 million. □

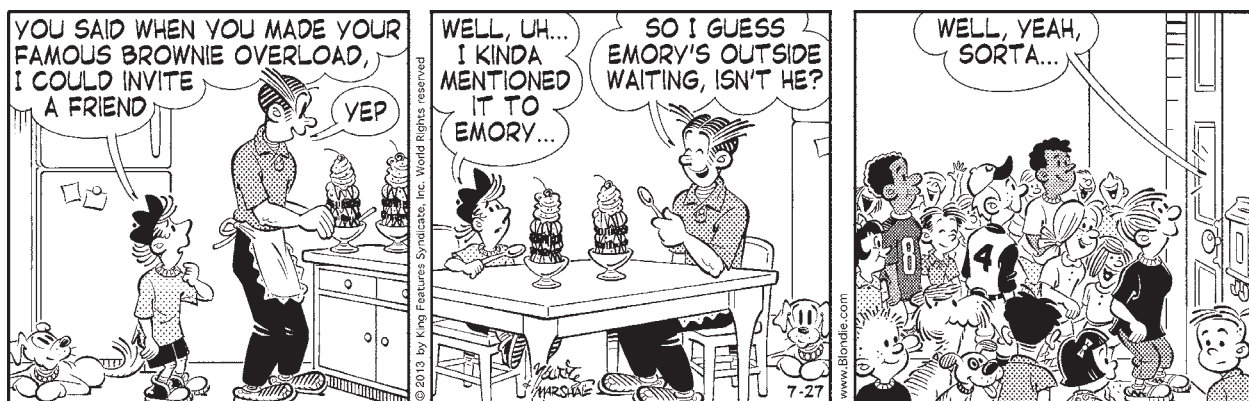
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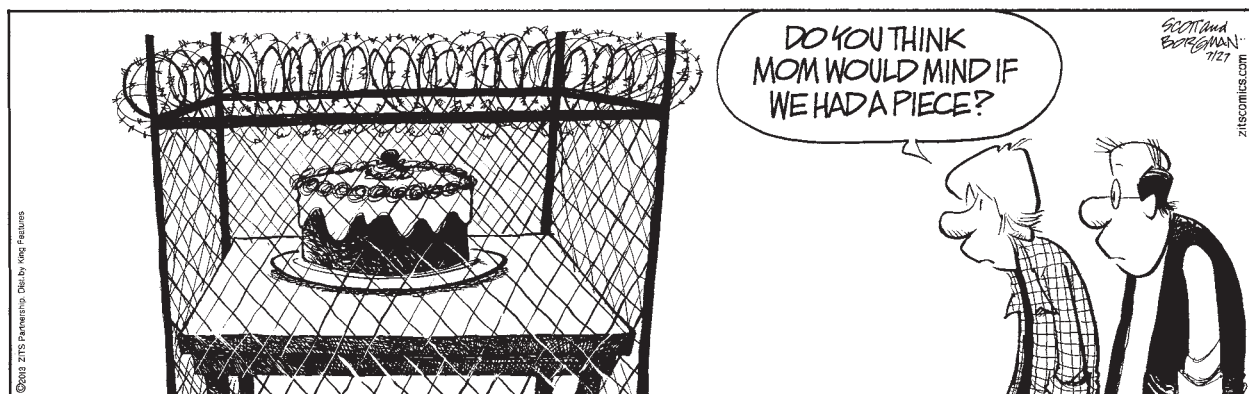
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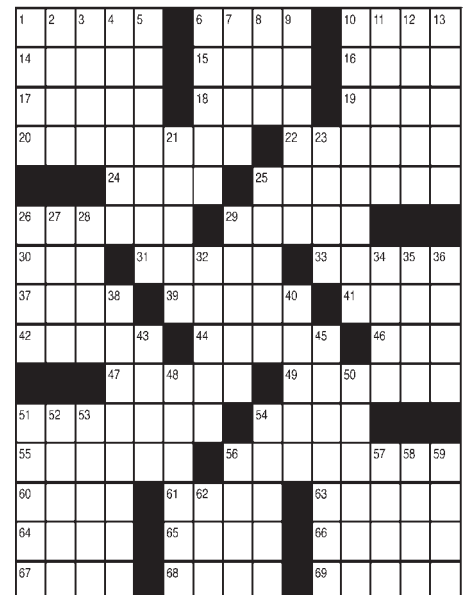
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	4	2	9	7	1	5	3	6
1	6	5	8	4	3	7	9	2
9	7	3	6	2	5	8	4	1

ACROSS

- Cuban dance
- Pillow cover
- Meander
- Decorate
- Veggie similar to cabbage
- Consequently
- Cash
- Dating couple gossiped about
- Rob Reiner's dad
- Constitution's opening
- Sent an invoice to
- Dirt
- Reads over
- Add in
- Boorish fools
- "Thanks a _!"
- Uncanny
- Grains to be planted
- Hideaway
- Military gun salute
- Set _; leave the shore
- Tear into tiny pieces
- Indentation in some chins
- Zoom down the slopes
- Green gems
- Sampled
- Child's vehicle
- Clinton's Attorney General Janet
- Military forces
- Fund, as a project
- Chomps on
- "_ there, done that"
- Hardly _; seldom
- Bert's "Sesame Street" buddy
- Rim
- Ceremony
- Boulders
- Highway
- Drop of sorrow
- Sugary



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DOWN

- Sleep in a tent
- Skunk's defense
- Zero
- John Travolta musical film
- Not _; no longer
- Expertise
- Detest
- Frothy drink
- Club enrollee
- Solitaries
- Certain exams
- See eye to eye
- Shapes; forms
- Chomps on
- Annoys
- Irritate
- Misfortunes
- Ark builder
- _ up; incite
- Clayburgh and St. John
- Indy 500 car
- Vane direction
- Water barrier
- Went down a fireman's pole

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- Teamed up with once again
- Frequently
- Palm tree fruit
- Refueling ships
- Gobi or Sahara
- Heartache
- Fencing sword
- Statement of religious beliefs
- Greek letter
- More unusual
- Alpha's follower
- A single time
- Similar to
- In case
- Compete

Caribbean: Nations seeking compensation for slavery

BEN FOX

Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Leaders of more than a dozen Caribbean countries are launching a united effort to seek compensation from three European nations for what they say is the lingering legacy of the Atlantic slave trade.

The Caribbean Community, a regional organization that typically focuses on rather dry issues such as economic integration, has taken up the cause of compensation for slavery and the genocide of native peoples and is preparing for what would likely be a drawn-out battle with the governments of Britain, France and the Netherlands.

Caricom, as the organization is known, has enlisted the help of a prominent British human rights law firm and is creating a Reparations Commission to press the issue, said Ralph Gonsalves, the prime minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, who has been leading the effort.

The legacy of slavery includes widespread poverty and the lack of development that characterizes most of the region, Gonsalves said, adding that any settlement should include a formal apology, but contrition alone would not be sufficient.

"The apology is important but that is wholly insufficient," he said in a phone interview Wednesday with The Associated Press. "We have to have appropriate recompense."

The notion of forcing the countries that benefited from slavery to pay reparations has been a decades-long quest. Individual countries including



Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves addresses the 67th United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters. Leaders of more than a dozen Caribbean nations are launching a united effort to seek compensation from three European nations for what they say is the lingering legacy of the Atlantic slave trade.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Jamaica and Antigua and Barbuda already had existing national commissions. Earlier this month, leaders from the 14 Caricom nations voted unanimously at a meeting in Trinidad to wage a joint campaign that those involved say would be more ambitious than any previous effort.

Each nation that does not have a national reparations commission agreed to set one up, sending a representative to the regional commission, which would be overseen by prime ministers. They agreed to focus on Britain on behalf of the English-speaking Caribbean as well as France for the slavery in Haiti and the Netherlands for Suriname, a former Dutch colony on the northeastern edge of South America that is a member of Caricom.

In addition, they brought on the British law firm of Leigh Day, which waged a successful fight for compensation for hundreds of Kenyans who were tortured by the British colo-

nial government as they fought for the liberation of their country during the so-called Mau Mau rebellion of the 1950s and 1960s. □



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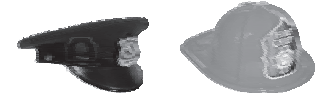


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'Future That Never Was' looked fantastic

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Flying cars. Waterproof living rooms that you clean with a hose. A pool on every rooftop.

Many of the old dreams and schemes about daily life in the 21st century didn't come true — at least not yet. Author Gregory Benford has gathered them — along with more successful predictions — in a book, "The Wonderful Future that Never Was" (Hearst, 2012).

Some of the imaginative ideas just weren't imaginative enough, he says. "Failures usually assumed that bigger would always be better — vast domed cities, floating airports, personal helicopters, tunnels across continents," Benford says.

Forecasters didn't realize that being able to invent something wasn't enough. "Just because high-tech



This publicity image released by courtesy of Hearst Communications Inc. shows photographs from the book "The Wonderful Future that Never Was" (Hearst, 2012), by author Gregory Benford, who culled scientists' and others' predictions from the early 1900s through the late '60s from "Popular Mechanics" magazine. Some forecasts were spot-on, such as the 'picture phone,' featured here, while others, such as flying cars and floating airports, were more fantastical.

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thetics."

Two well-known failures: flying cars and jet packs. George Jetson kissed his wife then flew his car to work in the TV cartoon series launched in the 1960s, while TV's Buck Rogers



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change is possible doesn't mean we always want it," says James B. Meigs, editor-in-chief of Popular Mechanics magazine, noting the slow-food and hand-made-crafts movements as high-tech counterpoints. "Sometimes affluence gives us the options to choose more traditional things. We choose clothing out of wool rather than syn-

thrilled kids of the 1950s by fighting evil invaders wearing a jet pack.

Such depictions created a hunger for personal flying devices, but that wasn't enough to make them a reality.

"People have produced (both) those," says Benford. "It's just that neither is particularly good at being a plane or a car."



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A physics professor at the University of California at Irvine and a science fiction writer, Benford culled scientists' predictions from the early 1900s through the late 1960s from Popular Mechanics for this and another book, "The Amazing Weapons that Never Were" (Hearst, 2012). "In the year 1900, everyone knew that technology drove their world and would drive the future even harder," Benford writes. "That was the single most prescient 'prediction'

of the 20th century."

At mid-century, plastics seemed to offer all kinds of possibilities: Take the magazine's 1950 prediction that housewives in the year 2000 would clean house with a hose. Everything — rugs, drapes, furniture — would be waterproof, and the water would run down a drain in the floor. Among the idea's many drawbacks, which include how uncomfortable such decor would be, forecasters forgot one vital detail: Electricity powers our

homes, and it doesn't mix well with water.

Remember how we used to think we'd have robots cleaning clean our homes, cooking our food, tending to our children? Sadly, that one doesn't look promising, Meigs contends.

Robots do fine on an automated factory line with one, simple task, but the home environment requires an adaptability that robots can't muster.

"Getting someone to do the dishes, butter toast, organize the shoes in your closet. Those are doable but really tricky for a robot," says Meigs. "They have to improvise, and you know if humans are involved, you'll open the refrigerator and the butter won't be in the same place."

Yet 50 percent of the predictions that Benford unearthed in the magazine have come true, at least in part. The "picture phone" was predicted in 1956, for example; see today's Skype calls on the Internet.

And those rooftop pools? They were proposed in 1928 as a way to cool homes. Air-conditioning later proved them unnecessary, but Meigs says the theory behind them exists in practice: as evaporative coolers on home and office rooftops.

What are these experts' own predictions?

Benford says smart homes and self-driving cars are in the future; the technology exists for both. Smart homes, for instance, will respond to human presence in a room by turning on lights and adjusting the temperature, making them energy-efficient, he says. With Internet access, homeowners also will be able to lock and unlock their homes and turn on or check appliances remotely, says Meigs. (We won't worry about whether we left the coffee pot on.) "That stuff will seem pretty routine, at least in new houses in the next 10 to 15 years," he predicts.

He also thinks we'll have three-dimensional, hologram TVs in 20 or more years. □

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Jason Sudeikis leaving 'SNL' cast

NEW YORK (AP) — After eight years on the air at "Saturday Night Live," Jason Sudeikis says he's calling it quits.

Sudeikis used another U.S. late-night TV institution to make his announcement, telling host David Letterman in the taping of Wednesday's show that he's leaving NBC's weekend program. Sudeikis had a busy election year on "Saturday Night Live," portraying both Republican Mitt Romney and Vice President Joe Biden.

Sudeikis told Letterman that his time on the show has been "really, really amazing."

It's an exodus of male cast members at "SNL." Both Fred Armisen and Bill Hader previously announced they



This Oct. 13, 2012 photo released by NBC shows Jason Sudeikis portraying Vice President Joe Biden in a skit from "Saturday Night Live," in New York.

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were leaving the show. Seth Meyers will be replacing "SNL" alum Jimmy Fallon on his late-night talk show when Fallon moves up to the "Tonight" show. □

Virginia Johnson, renowned sex researcher, dies

JIM SALTER
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Virginia Johnson, the Missouri farm girl who helped redefine the understanding of human sexuality as half of the husband-wife team whose taboo sex studies in the 1960s turned them into worldwide celebrities and best-selling authors, has died. She was 88.

The pioneering sex researcher died at an assisted living facility in St. Louis on Wednesday after suffering complications from various illnesses, her son Scott Johnson told The Associated Press on Thursday. He said the family was planning a private funeral. Johnson was in her 30s, a twice-divorced mother of two children, when she went job-hunting at Washington University in St. Louis in the late 1950s, seeking work to support her young family while she pursued a college degree.

She was hired as a secretary at the university's medical school but soon became the assistant and lover of obstetrician-gyne-

cologist William Masters, then co-collaborated on a large-scale human sexuality experiment — a subject all but taboo at the time.

The couple became known for a revolutionary sexual therapy that brought couples from across the country with sexual dysfunction, including celebrities, to St. Louis for their two-week program. Masters had impeccable academic and research credentials in infertility and hormone replacement therapy — but some described him as aloof and austere, often difficult to approach. That's where Johnson came in.

Johnson had a way of putting people at ease, so much so that with "evangelical-like zeal" she figured out how to get volunteers "to drop their pants in the name of science," said author Thomas Maier, who wrote a 2009 book about the couple. Johnson recruited graduate students, nurses, faculty wives and other participants for what Maier described as the "biggest sex experiment in U.S. history." □



This Sunday, July 14, 2013 photo shows Aubrey Plaza from the cast of "The To Do List" at the Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles.

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Aubrey Plaza looks fear in the face in racy comedy

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BEVERLY HILLS, California

(AP) — Aubrey Plaza had to overcome a few fears in the R-rated comedy "The To Do List" — including doing a number of hilariously awkward sex scenes. But the 29-year-old actress says she's anything but brave.

"I'm fearful every day of my life. Every moment of life is full of fear," the "Parks and Recreation" star said in her usual deadpan manner. "But you know when I was shooting this movie I had a lot of support and the cast was so funny ... so I just kind of looked fear in the face."

Plaza plays Brandy Klark, an overachieving high school graduate, in the coming-of-age comedy set in 1990s Boise, Idaho, who tries to complete a sexual to-do list before heading off to college.

"Looking back on it, I feel like the masturbating scene was a little bit the most nerve-racking. Just because in my head I thought, 'Oh, we'll probably shoot this in a way where I don't really have to

really do it.' But then when we did it and I was like, 'Oh no, we're going to shoot it where I do it,'" Plaza said in a recent interview. "Also, when my top fell off and I was running around with all those kids. You know I'm a method actor, so I really was topless, and I think I scarred some of those kids for life. So that was more nerve-racking for them, but they deserved it."

The film, which opens Friday, was written and directed by Maggie Carey, wife of actor Bill Hader ("Saturday Night Live"). They met in improv class at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre and first worked together on Carey's Web series, "The Jeannie Tate Show."

"I remember Maggie saying, 'This girl named Aubrey is really, really funny and she's at U.C.B. in New York and I've watched her perform and she's hilarious,'" Hader said about first meeting Plaza while filming the Web series. "So it's been really cool thinking back on that, of us driving out to New Jersey together and being like, 'So you're from Delaware?

Oh, cool.' And now she's this big cover story on The New York Times. I'm really excited for her."

Plaza made headlines when she crashed the stage during Will Ferrell's acceptance speech at the MTV Movie Awards in April. Although she had "#The To Do List" written on her chest, it's unclear whether the stunt was planned.

"I don't know what you're talking about. I have no memory of yesterday," Plaza said at the film's premiere Tuesday. "I'm just in the moment at all times."

Co-stars Clark Gregg and Connie Britton, who play Brandy's parents in the film, say Plaza inspired everyone to rise to the — often mortifying — occasion.

"I feel like she came into this so enthusiastically and willing to take risks and she set the bar really high," Britton said.

"She's fearless," added Gregg. "She does it in a way that's so humiliating and so embarrassing and so completely brave that you can't help but love her. And as someone acting with her, can't help but go there with her." □

'Blackfish' doc looks at SeaWorld's captive whales

NATALIE ROTMAN

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — What the Oscar-winning 2009 documentary "The Cove" did for dolphin slaughter in Japan, "Blackfish" may do for killer whales living in captivity while performing at marine parks.

"Blackfish," explores what may have caused Tilikum, a 12,000-pound orca, to kill three people, including veteran SeaWorld trainer Dawn Brancheau in 2010. News of Brancheau's death during a show at SeaWorld in Orlando inspired director Gabriela Cowperthwaite to explore what happened. SeaWorld first claimed that the trainer had slipped and fallen; later, it said Tilikum had been spooked by Brancheau's ponytail.

"Tilikum did not attack Dawn," SeaWorld said in a written response to the film. "All evidence indi-

cates that Tilikum became interested in the novelty of Dawn's ponytail in his environment and, as a result, he grabbed it and pulled her into the water."

The director, who has

casts, people's personal archives, and through the Freedom of Information Act.

"It was just perseverance when it came to getting footage," she said in an



This undated publicity photo released by courtesy of Magnolia Pictures shows the whale Tilikum in a scene from "Blackfish," a Magnolia Pictures release.

made documentaries for ESPN, National Geographic, Animal Planet, and the Discovery and History channels, said it took two years to make the film. She procured footage from local and national news-

interview. "I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Once you see that, you can't unsee it. In my mind, that gave me my directive. Now that I know the truth, I have to tell the truth. I didn't imagine that I was going to be making this film. I thought I was gonna be making a completely different film about relationships with our animal counterparts. So it was really learning through interviews and stuff and seeing footage."

Key footage became pub-

lic after the Occupational Safety and Health Administration took SeaWorld to court and the images became exhibits in the case, she said.

She recruited animal-behavior experts, marine park patrons who witnessed whale attacks during performances and former SeaWorld trainers willing to go on the record.

"Personally, I started learning stuff about the animals I didn't know, and I was working there," said former SeaWorld orca trainer Samantha Berg.

Tilikum, born in the wild near Iceland in 1983, was captured and sent to a marine park near Vancouver before he was sold to SeaWorld in Orlando. The film shows divers trapping and kidnapping baby whales for shipment to theme parks while their mothers watched and screeched in agony.

In its statement about the film, SeaWorld said it hasn't captured killer whales from the wild in more than 35 years and that 80 percent of its animals were born there or in other zoological facilities.

The director says she sought comment from

SeaWorld, which owns parks in Orlando, San Diego, and San Antonio. But the company declined to appear in "Blackfish," opting instead to issue its July 12 statement, which characterized the film as "shamefully dishonest, deliberately misleading, and scientifically inaccurate." Another former SeaWorld orca trainer, Carol Ray, said whale watching is a wonderful way to see these majestic animals up close.

"If you could afford to take a family of four to a SeaWorld Park somewhere around the country, then you can also take your family to a place where you can watch the whales from the shore," Ray said. "Those are great opportunities for seeing them where they're supposed to be... When I have friends that come to me and say things like, 'Yeah I really want my kids to see them up close,' (I say), 'You know your kids love dinosaurs right? They do. They are fascinated by them. They have never seen a dinosaur have they?'"

"Blackfish" opens in Los Angeles and New York on Friday. □

Lady Gaga to perform at MTV Video Music Awards



This Dec. 15, 2012 file photo shows singer Lady Gaga performing at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Lady Gaga will perform at the MTV Video Music Awards next month. It will be one of her first appearances since having hip surgery in February.

The 27-year-old pop star will perform her new single at the Aug. 25 awards show, which will air live from the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, MTV announced Thursday. Gaga sang the national

anthem at New York's Gay Pride last month.

She will release a new album, "ARTPOP," on Nov. 11.

Justin Timberlake and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis lead the VMA Awards with six nominations each. Bruno Mars is up for four awards.

Robin Thicke, Miley Cyrus, Pink and Thirty Seconds to Mars have three nominations each. □

HBO: Unimaginable that Gandolfini pilot will air

BEVERLY HILLS, California

(AP) — An HBO executive says it's unimaginable that a drama pilot featuring one of James Gandolfini's final performances will air. Gandolfini shot a pilot for "Criminal Justice," an adaptation of the 2008 BBC series. Gandolfini played a New York City attorney. The 51-year-old star of "The Sopranos" died of a heart attack in June.

HBO Programming President Michael Lombardo told the Television Critics Association on Thursday that he couldn't imagine airing the pilot with Gandolfini since he wouldn't continue with the drama. "Criminal Justice" was be-



This April 11, 2011 file photo shows actor James Gandolfini in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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ing restructured as a miniseries.

Lombardo says it's difficult to think of recasting Gandolfini's part. He didn't indicate what the drama's

future would be.

Gandolfini's final movies, the crime film "Animal Rescue" and the romance "Enough Said," are awaiting release. □

The Faithful's Failings



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The men were spiritual leaders, held up before the children around them as wise and righteous and right. So they had special access to those kids. Special sway.

And when they exploited it by sexually abusing the children, according to civil and criminal cases from different places and periods, they were protected by their lofty stations and by the caretakers of their faith. The children's accusations were met with skepticism. The community of the faithful either couldn't believe what had happened or didn't want it exposed to public view: Why give outsiders a fresh cause to be critical? So the unpleasantness was hushed up.

This is not a column about the Catholic Church.

This is a column about Orthodox Jews, who have recently had similar misdeeds exposed, similar cover-ups revealed.

And I'm writing it, yes, because the Catholic Church over the last two decades has absorbed the bulk of journalistic attention, my own included, in terms of child sexual abuse. There are compelling reasons that's been so: Catholicism has more than 1 billion nominal adherents worldwide; endows its clerics with a degree of mysticism that many other denominations don't; and is just centralized enough for scattered cover-ups to coalesce into something more like a conspiracy. The pattern of criminality and evasion has been staggering.

But some of the same dynamics that fed the crisis in Catholicism - an aloof patriarchy, an insularity verging on superiority, a disinclination to get secular officials involved - exist elsewhere. And the way they've played out in Orthodox Judaism illustrates anew that religion isn't always the higher ground and safer harbor it purports to be. It can also be a self-preserving haven for wrongdoing.

Early this month, 19 former students of the Yeshiva University High School for Boys in Manhattan filed a lawsuit alleging sexual abuse by two rabbis in the 1970s and 1980s who continued to work there even after molestation complaints. The rabbis were also allowed to move on to new employment without ever being held accountable. School administrators, the lawsuit alleges, elected not to report anything to the police.

Rabbi Norman Lamm, the presi-

dent of Yeshiva at the time, admitted as much in an interview with The Jewish Daily Forward. He said that when accusations against a faculty member were "an open-and-shut case," he'd let the accused person "go quietly."

Back then there was less alarm about, and understanding of, child molestation, he said. Back then he was also steering Yeshiva through grave financial hardship. A sex-abuse scandal wouldn't have been a great fundraising tool. "The school made the conscious and craven decision to protect its reputation," Kevin Mulhearn, the lawyer representing the plaintiffs, told me Monday. Is such a defensive mind-set really a relic of a less enlightened past? This year a prominent scholar at Yeshiva University, Rabbi Hershel Schachter, was caught on audiotape at a conference in London telling Orthodox leaders that Jewish communities should set up their own review boards to evaluate any complaints of child sexual abuse and determine whether to bother with the police. This contradicts state laws on mandatory reporting for teachers, counselors, physicians and such.

Schachter further discouraged police involvement by warning that accused abusers could wind up "in a cell together with a shvartze, in a cell with a Muslim, a black Muslim who wants to kill all the Jews." Shvartze is a harshly derogatory racial term. Yeshiva University condemned the remarks but seemingly didn't discipline Schachter, who didn't respond to my request Monday for comment. Neither did Lamm. Schachter's aversion to law enforcement isn't isolated. The ultra-Orthodox group Agudath Israel of America has taken the position that observant Jews should get a green light from a rabbi before notifying police about suspected molestation. It's precisely this sort of internal policing that the Catholic Church did so disastrously, leaving abusers unpunished and children in harm's way.

Ultra-Orthodox Jews in particular have prioritized their image and independence over justice. They have shunned Jews who took accusations outside their communities; in fact, Charles Hynes, the Brooklyn district attorney, has cited that as a reason for minimizing publicity around child sexual abuse cases among Orthodox Jews. But over the weekend he changed tack and gave the New York Post the names of some 40 convicted people. Community intimidation is why 17 of the 19 plaintiffs in the Yeshiva case are identified only as John Doe, said Mulhearn, their lawyer, who mentioned another insidious wrinkle reminiscent of Catholic cases.

One of the abusers, he said, used religion itself to muffle a few abused boys. The rabbi allegedly invoked the Holocaust, which their parents had survived, telling the boys not to cause mom or dad any more suffering with a public stink. □



Guantanamo Rulings Change Little



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Over the last two weeks, three federal judges have issued rulings on the legitimacy of the recent rough treatment being doled out to the detainees at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Under normal circumstances, two of the rulings would add up to a resounding victory for the detainees. But at Guantánamo Bay, where prisoners the government itself acknowledges are not security threats can see no end to their decade-plus imprisonment, nothing is "normal."

The rulings began July 8, when Judge Gladys Kessler opined that the force-feeding of detainees who have been on a hunger strike was "painful, humiliating and degrading" - which is to say, precisely, what the detainees and their lawyers have been claiming for months. She scoffed at the government's contention that the detainees were receiving "timely, compassionate, quality health care."

Three days later, Royce C. Lamberth, the chief judge for the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia, ruled that prison guards had to stop touching the genitals of the detainees as part of new, tougher search protocols. Since early this year, meetings and even phone calls between detainees and their lawyers have had to take place outside the prisoner's own "camp." This

meant they had to be searched in this offensive manner both on the trip out to see their lawyers and on the trip back. Because many detainees had religious objections to the genital searches, they were refusing to speak to their lawyers.

(The third ruling, on July 16, by Judge Rosemary Collyer of U.S. District Court, disagreed with Kessler. Collyer wrote that force-feeding was humane and that the detainees "had no right to commit suicide.")

Did anything change as a result of the opinions by Kessler and Lamberth? No. Despite her clear dismay at the treatment of the detainees, Kessler concluded that she lacked the ability to do anything about it because, she said, the judiciary doesn't have the authority to intervene over the conditions under which the detainees are being jailed.

Lamberth, on the other hand, ruled that he did have the right to intervene. That's because of a 2008 Supreme Court ruling that detainees have the right to challenge the legality of their detention - for which they obviously need access to lawyers. (Not that it does them much good: the District of Columbia Court of Appeals has made it impossible for a detainee to win a habeas corpus ruling.)

When a lawyer a few days later tried to get the Defense Department to comply with Lamberth's ruling - he had scheduled a phone call with a client and didn't want the prisoner's genitals to be searched - he was told by the government that the Defense Department would simply not comply with the order. Soon thereafter, the government asked for an "administrative stay" of Lamberth's order. That meant that it wanted the appeals court to delay the judge's order until it could get around to asking for an actual stay. As usual, the appeals court did what the government wanted.

And so it goes at Guantánamo Bay. The lawyers representing

the detainees make motion after motion, appeal after appeal. It gets them nowhere. With the exception of that one Supreme Court ruling - which had been systematically undercut by the court of appeals - the court system has opted out of dealing with the problem that the Guantánamo prison represents to the country. If the detainees are ever going to get relief, it will have to come from elsewhere.

As I have mentioned previously, some 86 of the 166 detainees at Guantánamo Bay have been "cleared" by a committee made up of national security officials, meaning they could leave the prison tomorrow without any threat to national security. Recently, the government sent letters to a number of lawyers informing them that their clients would soon be called before a review board that would determine whether they could be added to that list. Although the detainees themselves have largely given up hope of ever getting out - hence the hunger strike - one of their lawyers, David Remes, says, "I keep telling them that it is a lot better to be in Group A than Group B."

The truth is, there is one person who could get them out tomorrow - if he chose. That same person could stop the military from force-feeding the detainees. I am referring, of course, to President Barack Obama. Yet despite decrying the Guantánamo prison, the president has refused to do anything but stand by and watch the military inflict needlessly pain and suffering, much of it on men who simply shouldn't be there. Indeed, in many of the legal briefs filed on behalf of Guantánamo prisoners, the defendant is Barack Obama.

"Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution provides that '[t]he President shall be the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States,'" wrote Kessler in her pained but eloquent opinion. One longs for the day when he finally acts the part. □

In a recovering economy, a decline in college enrollment

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The long enrollment boom that swelled American colleges - and helped drive up their prices - is over, with grim implications for many schools.

College enrollment fell 2 percent in 2012-13, the first significant decline since the 1990s, but nearly all of that drop hit for-profit and community colleges; now, signs point to 2013-14 being the year when traditional four-year, nonprofit colleges begin a contraction that will last for several years. The college-age population is dropping after more than a decade of sharp growth, and many adults who opted out of a forbidding job market and went back to school during the recession have been drawn back to work by the economic recovery.

Hardest hit are likely to be colleges that do not rank among the wealthiest or most prestigious, and are heavily dependent on tuition revenue, raising questions about their financial health - even their survival. "There are many institutions that are on the margin, economically, and are very concerned about keeping their doors open if they can't hit their enrollment numbers," said David A. Hawkins, the director of public policy and research at the National Association for College Admission Counseling, which has more than 1,000 member colleges.

The most competitive colleges remain unaffected, but gaining admission to middle-tier institutions will most likely get easier.

Colleges fear that their high prices and the concern over rising student debt are turning people away, and on Wednesday, President Barack Obama again challenged them to rein in tuition increases. Colleges have resorted to deeper discounts and accelerated degree programs. In all, the four-year residential college experience as a presumed rite of passage for middle-class students is coming under scrutiny.

The most striking signs of

change came from Loyola University New Orleans and St. Mary's College of Maryland. After the usual May 1 deadline for applicants to choose a college, Loyola and St. Mary's each found that their admission offers had been accepted by about one-third fewer students than expected. Both institutions were forced to make millions of dollars in budget cuts and a late push for more enrollment.

ing lists, and miscalculations as big or as damaging as those by St. Mary's and Loyola are rare. But consultants hired by families to help with the admissions process say that this spring and summer, they have seen more colleges actively hunting for students, reaching out to those who had turned them down, or even to students who had never applied.

"After May 1, I got emails

nation; the percentage of recent high school graduates going to college continued an increase that started in the 1980s; and colleges drew a growing number of students from abroad. The recession that began in 2007 steered still more people into college, especially adults who were past traditional college age and who enrolled in community colleges.

But the number of Ameri-

colleges have encouraged the increase, barraging promising students with appeals, knowing that more applications means a lower percentage of students accepted, which moves a college up in the popular ranking systems.

"It's become really hard for colleges to tell which applicants are actually serious about them, and will accept their offers," said Janet Rosier, an admissions



Christopher Sauer, left, and Cassidy Eymard furnish a room in Bieber Residence Hall at Loyola University, which recently experienced a sharp decline in admission offer acceptances, in New Orleans, July 25, 2013. After more than a decade of sharp growth, signs point to 2013-14 being the year when traditional four-year, nonprofit colleges begin a contraction that will last for several years.

(William Widmer/The New York Times)

Loyola made a flurry of calls to students who had been accepted but had decided to go elsewhere, and had even paid deposits to other colleges. Professors and administrators who usually are not involved in the process made calls, along with the admissions officers, "and we did invite them to see if there was more we could do with aid," said Roberta Kaskel, the interim vice president for enrollment management.

Many colleges traditionally round out their classes with a small number of students admitted after May 1, often taken from their wait-

from three or four colleges saying, 'We've still got spots, and we're looking for people to fill them,' and I don't remember getting any in the past," said Lisa Bleich, an admissions consultant in Westfield, N.J. College attendance grew slowly for more than two decades, until it began a steep climb from 15.2 million in 1999 to 20.4 million in 2011, according to census figures.

Several factors drove that boom: A population bulge increased the number of college-age Americans by about 20 percent; high school graduation rates climbed after years of stag-

cans turning 18 hit its recent peak in 2009, and will continue to decline through 2016. High school graduation rates appear to have leveled off, and job prospects have improved, making school a less attractive option.

Managing a college's enrollment has become more complicated in recent years as the number of applications submitted by the average student has soared. The advent of online applications, and the Common Application now used by about 500 schools, has made it much easier to add to a student's list without much thought. And

consultant in Woodbridge, Conn.

That is what happened to St. Mary's, a state college, and Loyola, a Jesuit school where administrators say some visitors might have been dissuaded by extensive construction on campus.

While Loyola made a renewed appeal to people it had already accepted, St. Mary's simply reopened admissions, and put out word through counselors and community groups. Both colleges have been able to draw more students since May, but their fall classes will still be far short of what they had hoped. □